

ANNUAL REPORT  
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1989

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*Children:  
Our Future Today*

United Methodist Women  
Louisiana Conference  
The United Methodist Church

## 1990 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13	Task Group for 1990 Annual Meeting - First UMC, Monroe
January 26-28	Nominations/NOTE, Ramada O'Hare Airport Inn, Chicago
January 28	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 9-10	Committee to Implement the Charter for Racial Justice (3 p.m.)
	Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting (7 p.m. Friday - through 3 p.m. Saturday, Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center
February 23-25	Regional School Planning Team Meeting
March 2	Church Women United World Day of Prayer
March 15-17	Church Women United State Assembly, Baton Rouge
April 21	Committee Meetings - Membership, Finance, Nominations, and Standing Rules - David Haas Memorial UMC, Bunkie
May 3-6	United Methodist Women Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri
May 4	Church Women United May Fellowship Day
June 4-7	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College, Shreveport
June 16-20	West Gulf Regional School, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 15-16	Committee Meetings - Executive, Finance, Program & School
July 17-20	School of Christian Mission I (Weekday)
July 20-22	School of Christian Mission II (Weekend)
August	District Mini-Schools
September 13	Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 14-15	UMW Conference Annual Meeting, First UMC, Monroe
October 26-27	District Elected Leaders Training, Tall Timbers
November 2	Church Women United World Community Day
November 10	Committee on School of Christian Mission, Bunkie
November 30 - December 3	New Officers Training Event, New York City

## 1990 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION
Acadiana	October 6	First UMC, Houma
Alexandria	October 6	First UMC, Natchitoches
Baton Rouge	October 6	North Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 7	First UMC, Jennings
Monroe	October 13	First UMC, Tallulah
New Orleans	October 6	Golden Meadow UMC, New Orleans
North Shore	October 6	Hartzell-Mt. Zion, Slidell
Ruston	October 6	First UMC, Homer
Shreveport	October 14	Mangum UMC, Shreveport

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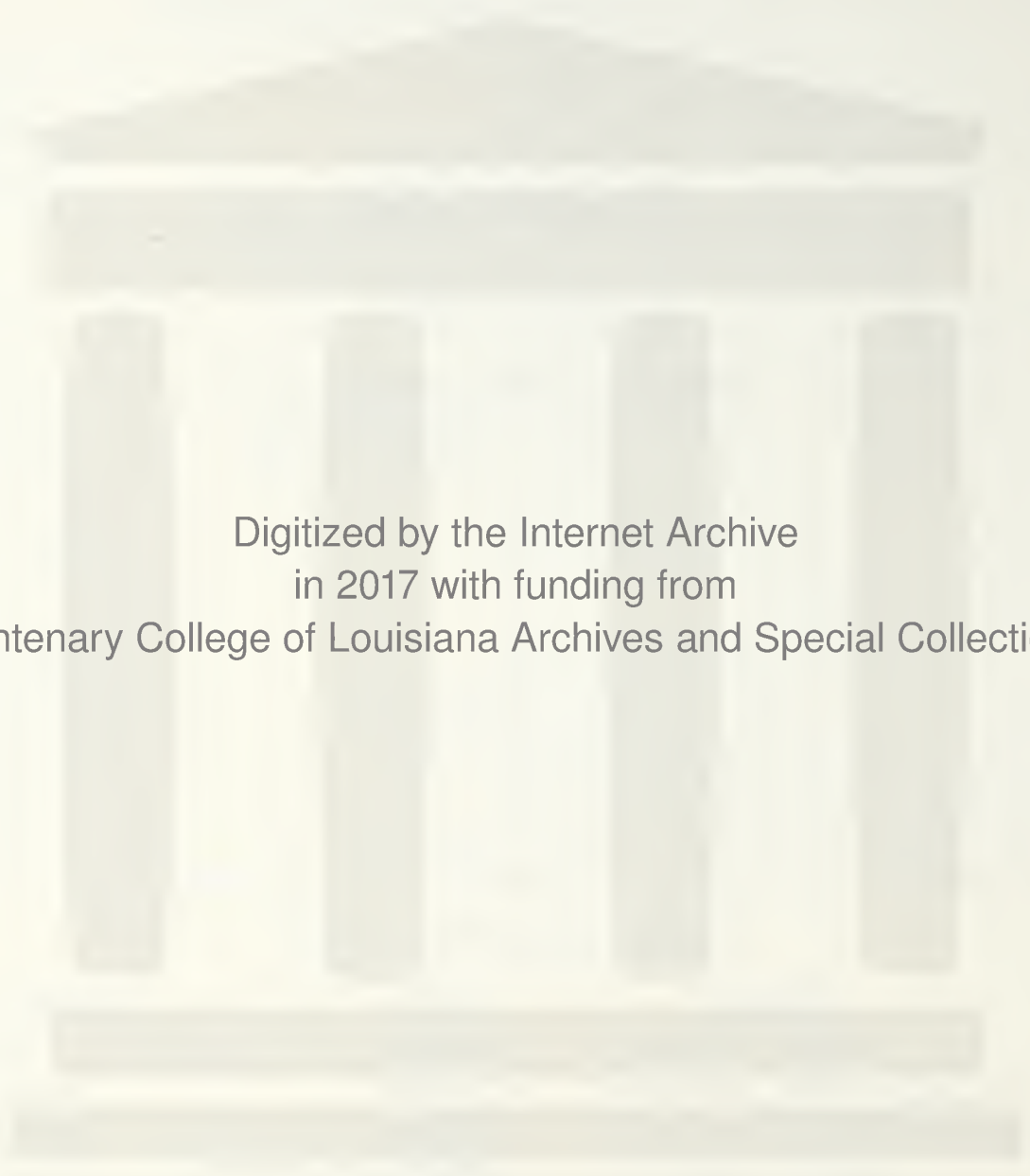
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Janelle Gunn McCammon

Janelle McCammon has had her own ministry ever since her husband received his first appointment as a pastor in 1944. Our church was not ordaining women as elders then, but she has shown us the reality of the "priesthood of all believers." She has poured out the oil of gladness when we were discouraged, has offered the thirst-quenching waters of faith when we doubted, and has fed us with the promise of God's presence when we would have otherwise lost our way.

Over 200 years ago John Wesley began instructing his preachers: "Employ all your time in the work of God." United Methodist bishops continue to give the same injunction to persons entering the ministry. For the past four years Janelle has taken these as if they were intended for her presidency personally. She has traveled throughout the conference as much as any bishop or superintendent -- going to hundreds of large and small membership churches. She has organized new units, revived dead ones, expanded existing circles, and uplifted all the rest.

Everywhere Janelle goes her face radiates the good news of what United Methodist Women are doing and what we are called to become. She challenges us all to pick up the mantle of being in mission like the few who so quietly began the impossible task over a hundred years ago. We have a rich heritage, but an even brighter future to which we can look because Janelle Gunn McCammon has been Louisiana Conference President for these past four years.



## PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. (Discipline Paragraph 263.6, Article 3)

## PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Paragraph 1421)

## THE COVER

The cover was designed by Linda Sciple, a Baton Rouge artist who is a member of Broadmoor United Methodist Women. She used the traditional "paper doll" cut-outs to portray children of the world with hands and hearts joined -- facing with courage whatever the future holds for them.

## OUR POLICY

It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for the use of the district and conference of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and are to be used for the promotion of the work of United Methodist Women.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
Conference Officers

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COMMITTEES 1989 - 1990

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

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Bea Moak (Annual Meeting)  
Janelle McCammon (Retreat)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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Fannie Reddix  
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Lottie Palazzo  
Helen Owen

COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL Justice Policies C & BI, page 61, Article IV, Section 6

Norma S. Winegeart, chairperson  
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Gladys Prillerman - Nominated by the Committee on Nominations  
Mary Lou France - One District President  
Wilma Crosby - One from the Executive Committee  
Pat Cobb - 3 year term - 1989-1991  
Marilyn Ray - One to complete a term of 2 years - 1990-1991

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES C & BI, page 62, Article IV, Section 7  
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COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT/DIRECTORY C & BI, page 62, Article IV, Section 7  
UMW Conference Standing Rules

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Conference Board of Laity - Norma Winegeart, 9 District Presidents and  
Janelle McCammon

Committee on Nominations - Norma Winegeart, Nancy Carruth, and Betty Ferrington

Conference Council on Ministries - Norma Winegeart and Judy Rountree

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 Montpelier (11) ..... Vera King (Mrs. Robert) Route 1, Box M9A, Amite 70422

##### Angie:

Live Oak (20) ..... Dolores Mingo (Mrs.) Route 3, Box 403, Angie 70426  
 Wesley Ray (24) ..... Chinesa Jefferson (Ms.) P. O. Box 126, Angie 70426  
 Mary's Chapel (25) .... Chinieca Foster (Ms.), P. O. Box 212, Varnado 70467

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 Harry's Chapel  
 Thirkield

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Bush (16) ..... Ruby Beauvais (Mrs. Hewitt), Route 2, Box 820, Bush 70431  
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First (40) ..... Sherry Sheehan (Mrs.) Route 9, Box 276B, Covington 70433  
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 Roberts (18) .... Bettye J. Watson, 408 Eugene Street, Denham Springs 70726  
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 Hayes (28) ..... Oveal Magee (Mrs.), 2028 Parker St., Franklinton 70438  
 Winan (39).....Johnny Butler (Mrs.T.J.Jr.) 724 18th Ave., Franklinton 70438

##### Hammond:

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 Nesom (12) ..... Ruth Nesom (Miss), 119 Florence Drive, Hammond 70401

##### Kentwood:

First (14) ..... Helen Strickland (Mrs. Buel) 311 Avenue G, Kentwood 70444

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 Livingston  
 Loranger  
 Mandeville  
 Pearl River  
 Ponchatoula:  
     First (67)..Mary Dampier (Mrs. Buel) 495 W. Beech Street, Ponchatoula 70454  
     Lee's Landing  
 Slidell:  
     Aldersgate  
     First (70) ..... Chris Smith (Mrs. Pat) 109 Westminister, Slidell 70460  
     Hartzell-Mt.Zion (63)..Phyllis Eden (Mrs.) Route 7, Box 7319, Slidell 70461  
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 Tangipahoa: Pine Ridge  
 Varnado  
 Watson: Live Oak(36)....Rina King(Mrs.) 34833 Bend Road, Denham Springs 70726  
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#### RUSTON DISTRICT

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     Christian Personhood ..... Idelle Simms (Mrs. L. A.)  
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     Supportive Community ..... Margaret Turner (Mrs. M. G.)  
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     Christian Social Involvement ..... Gene Currie (Mrs. S. G.)  
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     Christian Global Concerns ..... Billie Adams (Mrs.)  
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 Chatham (13) ..... Elaine Greer (Mrs. Robert), P.O. Box 372, Chatham 71226  
 Cotton Valley (37) ..... Rozelle Fomby, P. O. Box 725, Cotton Valley 71018  
 Douglas (4) ... Sybil Holtzclaw (Mrs. E. L.) Route 2, Box 35, Choudrant 71227  
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 Doyline (15) ... Ocelia Bailey (Mrs. Ralph) Route 2, Box 233-B, Doyline 71023  
 Dubach (10) ..... Carol Anne White (Mrs. Byron) Route 4, Box 145, Homer 71040  
 Farmerville (30) ..... Lynn Baughman (Mrs.), P. O. Box 724, Farmerville 71241  
 Gibsland (16) ..... Edith Bennett (Mrs. C.S.) Rt. 2, Box 10, Gibsland 71028  
 Harmony Chapel(15)..Annette Gray (Mrs. Herbert) Route 1, Box 42, Dubach 71235  
 Haynesville (58)...Maxie Garrett(Mrs.W.G.) 100 Jackson St., Haynesville 71038  
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 Marion (10) ..... Patricia Gore (Mrs. Bryant) P. O. Box 287, Marion 71260  
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 Quitman (14) ..... Pallie Phillips, Route 2, Box 72, Quitman 71268  
 Ruston: Faith (6) ..... Helen Moncrief (Mrs.) Route 6, Box 1796, Ruston 71270  
 Ruston:Grace(7)...Deborah Lynch (Mrs. Wesley) 900 Orleans Drive, Ruston 71270  
 Ruston:Trinity(180)..Adona Cain(Mrs. Ralph) 206 E. Florida Ave., Ruston 71270  
 Ruston:WesleyChapel (17)..Wanda Neeles(Mrs.Charles) Rt.4,Box131, Ruston 71270  
 Salem (9) ..... Edwina Colvin (Mrs. L.D.), Route 2, Box 30, Dubach 71235  
 Shongaloo (10) ... Idelle Simms (Mrs. L.A.) Route 1, Box 174, Shongaloo 71072  
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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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 220 Walnut Lane, Bossier City 71111 (318-742-1269)  
 Treasurer ..... Lurline Folk (Mrs.)  
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 Mission Coordinators for:  
 Christian Personhood ..... Ann K. Wilson (Mrs.)  
 230 East Wyandotte, Shreveport 71101 (318-424-1048)  
 Supportive Community ..... Florence Jones (Mrs.)  
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 Christian Social Involvement ..... Barbara J. Brown (Mrs.)  
 2755 Looney Street, Shreveport 71103 (318-221-1482)



Christian Global Concerns ..... Mozelle Tiller (Mrs.)  
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Secretary for Financial Interpretation ..... Violet Mellinger (Mrs.)  
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I ... Ethaline Holmes (Miss) 6701 Jefferson-Paige Road. Lot 190, Shreveport  
71119 (318-631-8716)

II ..... Marge Hill (Ms.) 2315 Melrose, Bossier City 71111 (318-746-7200)

III ..... Betty Fields (Mrs.) Route 1, Box 71, Zwolle 71486 (318-256-9764)

IV ... Margaret Baker (Mrs.) 2611 Randolph, Shreveport 71109 (318-631-8104)

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Blanchard (10) ... Linda Shepherd (Mrs.) 4034 Shepherd Road, Shreveport 71107

Bossier City:  
Barksdale (17)..Carol Allen (Mrs.Ed) 1600 Michael Drive, Bossier City 71112  
First Church(65)..Marjorie Hill(Mrs.) 2315 Melrose Ave., Bossier City 71111

Coushatta - inactive

Crossroads - inactive

Greenwood (19) ..... Frances Hester (Mrs.) P. O.Box 585, Blanchard 71009

Haughton (19) .... Tommie Pepper (Mrs.J.W.) 134 Taylor's Bend, Haughton 71037

Ida (10) ..... Maxine Cockrell (Mrs. Noble) P. O. Box 295, Ida 71044

Keithville (15) .. Mary Williams (Mrs.Tommy) 6207 Keithville-Springridge Rd.,  
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Logansport (37).....Terri Foley (Mrs. Karl) P.O. Box 732, Logansport 71049

Love Chapel (20) .. Barbara Reger (Mrs. Paul) 136 Taylor Bend, Haughton 71037

Mansfield:  
First (50)..Paulette Jalanivich (Mrs.David), 1075 Amy Lane, Mansfield 71052  
Shady Grove (15) .... Alice Shelton (Mrs.Jim) P.O. Box 972, Mansfield 71052  
Wesley (26) .... Ethel Lilly (Mrs.Nathaniel), P.O. Box 309, Mansfield 71052

Many (32) ..... Perletta Interkin (Mrs.Charles) Rt. 1, Box 281, Many 71449

Mooringsport - inactive

New Light (8) ..... Anna Player, Route 1, Box 16700, Benton 71006

Pilgrim Rest (13) ..... Jacie Scott (Mrs. Eligah) Rt.1, Box 272, Minden 71055

Plain Dealing (25)...Beulah A. Findley(Mrs. Rt.2, Box 79, Plain Dealing 71064

Shreveport:

Broadmoor (225) ..... Rose Lynn Fitzgerald (Mrs. W.E.) 1923 Captain Shreve, Shreveport 71105

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First(300) ... Carolyn Colvin (Mrs. John) 526 Meadowbrook, Shreveport 71105

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Noel (195) .... Dot Kelly (Mrs.Francis) 9938 Beaver Creek, Shreveport 71106

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Round Grove(12)..Inell Myers(Mrs.Tommy) 1417 David Raines, Shreveport 71107

St. James (54)...Patsy Washington(Mrs.John) 3127 Redstone, Shreveport 71107

St. Luke's (48) ..... Mamie Huffman, 10004 Hanover, Shreveport 71115

St. Paul (78) ..... Enid Lattier (Mrs. Robert) 6416 Jefferson-Paige Road, Shreveport 71119

Summer Grove (82) ..... Alice Broome (Mrs.E.M.) 9007 Blom, Shreveport 71118

Trinity (14)....DeNell Mitchell (Mrs.W.N.) 867 River Road, Shreveport 71105

Zwolle (28) ..... Laura Rives (Mrs. H. F.) Route 3, Box 494, Many 71449

# ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REPORT

1989

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Travel	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 3,338.09	\$ 2,811.91
Officer Resources	100.00	24.20	75.80
District A MD	13,910.00	11,877.50	2,032.50
Jurisdiction A & MD	2,625.00	2,625.00	-0-
School of Mission			
Regional	4,000.00	3,952.44	47.56
Conference	7,500.00	5,938.08	1,561.92
Program & Events			
Retreat	-0-	(1,172.43)	1,172.43
Annual Meeting	1,200.00	(1,189.06)	2,389.06
Dist. Elected Leaders Training	1,400.00	3,595.60	(2,195.60)
Church Related Meetings	300.00	575.88	(275.88)
Regional & National Events			
Assembly 1990	2,300.00	2,300.00	-0-
Jurisdiction 1992	600.00	600.00	-0-
World Federation Meth. Women	250.00	200.00	50.00
National Seminar	250.00	250.00	-0-
Operating Expenses			
Conference Directory	1,000.00	769.60	230.40
Newsletter	4,000.00	3,979.96	20.04
Postage	700.00	637.87	62.13
Office Supplies & Copies	500.00	924.89	(424.89)
Telephone	500.00	570.12	(70.12)
Audit	500.00	500.00	-0-
Honors & Memorials	300.00	160.00	140.00
Church Women United	250.00	250.00	-0-
TOTALS	\$48,335.00	\$40,707.74	\$7,627.26

1989

	ALEX.	BR-H.	BR-L.	LC.	MON.	NO-H.	NO-S.	RUSTON	S'PORT.	CONF.	TOTALS
PLEDGE	\$24,000.00	31,500.00	30,000.00	37,000.00	25,000.00	29,500.00	29,000.00	28,500.00	45,675.00	300,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED:											
Pledge to Mission	20,518.82	25,905.02	24,119.41	33,630.86	22,483.20	27,944.44	24,063.16	26,542.33	38,248.82	5,327.42*	248,783.48
SMR Pin	1,110.00	1,190.00	710.00	2,425.00	660.00	1,570.00	1,800.00	1,615.00	3,510.00	2,180.00	16,770.00
Gift to Mission Card	120.00	545.00	195.00	315.00	305.00	425.00	270.00	310.00	160.00	160.00	2,805.00
Gift In Memory	270.00	197.00	120.00	85.00	120.00	118.00	95.00	465.00	285.00		1,755.00
World Thank Offering	1,871.94	2,236.34	1,628.00	3,614.73	1,738.01	1,608.18	2,073.31	3,476.30	2,955.28		21,201.09
Retiring Conf. Officers	184.50	147.70	130.00	474.00	250.00	209.25	234.00	270.00	205.00		2,104.45
Mission Candle	778.52	687.43	687.43	1,613.44	841.34	887.55	887.55	1,161.34	1,723.77		9,268.37
Mission Ribbons	8.40		196.80	234.40	18.40	146.40	113.65	349.40	198.17	822.02	2,087.64
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	\$24,861.18	30,908.49	27,786.64	42,892.43	26,415.95	32,908.82	29,536.66	34,189.38	47,286.04	8,489.44	304,775.03
							Less A & MD Expense				- 31,200.16
							TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE				\$273,574.87
DESIGNATED:											
Call to Prayer	1,369.11	1,417.16	1,607.23	1,788.15	1,748.61	1,180.79	1,055.10	1,545.45	1,990.29		13,701.89
Children & Youth	10.00	5.00	175.00	50.00		56.25	10.00	105.00	70.24		481.19
World Mission		78.00	540.51	639.90	140.00	100.00	239.93		115.00		1,848.34
National Mission	666.25	2,582.50	892.00	2,825.17	1,655.00	1,775.50	699.74	3,325.00	1,635.00		16,056.16
UMCOR		278.00	20.00	710.00		387.05	197.35		39.25		1,631.65
Crusade Scholarships		5.00							5.00		10.00
Magazine Fund									5.00		5.00
Directory	24.00	6.00	59.00	42.00	32.00	47.00	4.00	72.00	71.00		357.00
Estelle Damerson Sch.	110.00	25.00	15.00	138.26		85.00	166.00	30.00			569.26
Conf. A & MD Gifts	791.00	615.00	550.00	1,082.50	275.90	618.00	759.00	1,057.25	1,072.25		5,648.65
TOTAL DESIGNATED:	2,970.36	5,011.66	3,863.74	7,270.98	3,851.51	4,249.59	3,131.12	6,134.70	4,998.03		41,481.69
TOTAL GIVING:	27,831.54	35,920.15	31,650.38	49,663.41	30,267.46	37,158.41	32,667.78	40,324.08	52,284.07	8,489.44	\$346,256.72

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
1990 BUDGET

PLEDGE TO MISSION \$315,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

A. Travel Expenses: Mileage, lodging, insurance for Executive Committee inconference events	\$ 6,150.00
B. Officer Resources: Service Center Mailing, etc.	100.00
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	14,045.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	3,150.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	4,000.00
2. Conference	7,500.00
F. Programs and Events within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00
2. District Elected Leaders Training	4,000.00
3. Church Related Meetings	400.00
4. Retreat Committee	100.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1990 (Cumulative 4 years)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1992 (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1991 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
H. Operating Expenses:	
1. Conference Directory	1,000.00
2. Newsletter	4,000.00
3. Postage	700.00
4. Office Supplies & Copying	500.00
5. Telephone	500.00
6. Audit	500.00
7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I. Church Women United, Louisiana	<u>250.00</u>
Total A & MD Budget for 1990	<u>51,545.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET</u>	<u><u>\$366,545.00</u></u>



EXPENSE GUIDELINES  
Louisiana Conference Executive Committee  
United Methodist Women  
(Amended 9/85)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the conference treasurer and should be filled out in full when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the conference president, secretary and treasurer. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week. Expense vouchers should be submitted within the quarter which the expense occurs when possible.

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, please submit those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the conference treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. She is often expected to pay her own room, meal, and travel expenses and then turn that amount in for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the conference treasurer.

Every call letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring "official participation" of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangements not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging).

The following limitations should be noted:

A. Travel Expenses

1. Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a van is used with six (6) or more people in the pool, mileage will be paid at 25¢ a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to carpool. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Conference Administrative Committee. When district and conference officers travel together with expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Other riders shall assume their share of the expense.
2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate up to \$10 per person per day. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate up to \$12.50 per person per day (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are less than one day will be reimbursed at a rate up to \$2.50 for

breakfast, \$4.00 for lunch, and \$6.00 for dinner. When an event is held at a pre-selected site where these guidelines are inadequate, meals may be reimbursed as follows: \$2.50 for breakfast, \$5.50 for lunch and \$7.00 for dinner.

B. Officers Resources

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of this materials should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. Operating Expenses

Postage, office supplies, mimeographing charges, long distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. Receipts for these expenses are to be attached to the voucher. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of xerox copies are discouraged.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 10-11, 1989

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11, 1989, at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Forest Hill, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Janelle McCammon, President.

Others in attendance were Betty Ferrington, Sally W. Turner, Mary Spell, Nancy M. Carruth, Georgie Dunbar, Mary Margaret Barr, Helen Allemond, Ola McNaughton, Elouise Sanders, Maxie Garrett, Mary L. Kay, Alice Irving, Marie Young, Wilma Crosby, Lois R. Heath, Marilyn Ray, Gladys W. Revels, Hilda D. Sills, Celina T. Johnson, Taylor Phillip, Annie Lincoln, Sandra Thomas, Mary Lou France, Seola Callahan, Winderlean Lewis, Dorothy Dunbar, Lottie Palazzo, Pat Cobb, Lueburda J. Myers, Gladys Prillerman, and Nadine Hardin of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The President welcomed new members to the Executive Committee. The members of the Committee enjoyed a time of sharing and fellowship.

Nancy Carruth informed the Committee of the death of Bishop Handy's mother. Mrs. Marilyn Oden, wife of Bishop William Oden, had planned to attend this Committee meeting but joined her husband to attend the funeral service for Mrs. Handy.

Celina T. Johnson, Coordinator for Christian Personhood, gave the opening worship. We were called to worship with these words, "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on this gathering. Keep us constantly aware that we are a team. Mold us, fill us and use us." Following the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Is All the World to Me", and a Litany of Perfection, the scripture, Romans 12:1-9, was read as a meditation. The worship was closed with the following prayer in unison - "Creator of us all, help us live as people fashioned in your image. Called in Christ and baptized into his death, may we live with him in newness of life. Send forth the Spirit of your light and truth, confirm our gifts of grace within us, giver of the true bread that has come down from heaven, nourish us always in heart and spirit. Make us faithful witnesses of Christ in the world, to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen."

APPOINTMENTS - Alice Irving and Marie Young were appointed to review the minutes.

MINUTES - The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 18, 1988, were approved as printed and distributed. (The regular Executive Committee meeting usually held the night prior to the Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting was cancelled along with the Annual Meeting due to hurricane, "Gilbert".)

CORRESPONDENCE - Notes of appreciation for memorial gifts to mission were received from Pat Cobb (death of her father) and Lottie Palazzo (death of her mother). Thank you notes were received for gifts to mission in their honor from Linda Powell and Irene Peeler of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. (These gifts were sent in gratitude for all the work they did in preparation for the Annual Meeting which had to be cancelled.)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary F. Spell gave the following report:

"As we heard from Judy Rountree at the Financial Promotion Workshop and through the newsletter, our pledge was overpaid by \$28,046.91 for 1988.

Funds transferred from Catahoula Bank, Jonesville, to First National Bank, Abbeville, were \$46,323.63. A NOW account has been opened for the checking and two Certificates of Deposit have been purchased as follows: a twelve month certificate in the amount of \$20,000.00 at 8.05%; a three month certificate in the amount of \$5,000.00 at 7.15%.

Each district has received  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their A & M D budget funds for a total of \$6,972.50. The January issue of the conference newsletter was published and mailed at a cost of \$1,254.70. The cost of the Financial Promotion Workshop was \$3,217.68 -- \$600.00 of which was paid in 1988 as a deposit toward the total of \$2,613.00 for the use of Tall Timbers Conference Center. The remaining \$604.68 was for travel, etc. to the workshop. Other A & M D expenses this year have been for a task force meeting for Annual Meeting, duplicating and mailing the UMW Sunday letters plus other postage and telephone totaling \$261.04. \$650.00 was received in January for Mission Ribbons and \$317.53 paid out for same.

We have remitted \$1,205.00 in Undesignated Funds to the Women's Division toward our 1989 Pledge to Mission.

As in the past, please submit vouchers verified by receipts when possible and within the month they occur and do not delay in cashing your checks. This way we can keep more accurate records.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated as is your help and support."

WOMEN'S DIVISION CONSULTANT'S REPORT - Nadine Hardin, financial consultant from Women's Division, gave an update on the promotion of undesignated giving. She commended the Louisiana Conference on its gifts in 1988. The five specific ways to give to mission as set forth at the Financial Promotion Workshop held in Pineville last spring were reviewed. The following ideas and ways as to how \$303,431 could be reached by 1990 were shared: (1) increase of pledge by 10% (can be accomplished if one out of twelve local women will give the cost of a pair of shoes or a trip to the beauty shop), (2) all fund raising profits go undesignated, (3) lower the percent of pledge money retained in unit for local mission and increase percent sent undesignated, (4) each unit give one additional special mission recognition, and (5) increase world thank offering - continue the attitude of gratitude through 31 derful ways of giving during the month of October. She concluded that just strengthening the organization promotes increased giving and increased membership.

JURISDICTION REPORT - Lueburda J. Myers, Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, brought greetings and an update from the Core Planning Group. She reviewed her activities and officer responsibilities. She also served as a study leader for the "Faces of Poverty" course for both the weekend and the weekday sessions in Mansfield and Shreveport on August 27 and 29 respectively, for the Shreveport District Mini School of Christian Mission. The Regional School of Christian Mission will be



held at Centenary College, Shreveport, in 1990. The Jurisdiction is also considering sites in Louisiana along with others to host the next Jurisdiction Meeting.

Judy Rountree, member of the Regional School Team, had communicated that the Louisiana Conference would be responsible for preparing and setting up a table display on undesignated giving for the 1989 Regional School in Oklahoma City. President McCammon asked Judy Rountree, Seola Callahan, and Pat Cobb to assume the responsibility for the display.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Janelle McCammon gave the following mid-year report:

"We come together at this mid-year meeting at an exciting time for Louisiana United Methodist Women. We have just completed a year of conferences at all levels, where plans have been made that will have tremendous impact upon the future. We have seen the inauguration of several new programs that call for our investment of time, energy, and effort. We have the thrill of success in the first phase of our promotion to increase giving. In 1988 women in Louisiana overpaid undirected pledge by substantial amounts, and our World Thank Offering and gifts to mission were outstanding. It is important to recognize that increased giving is a clear indication of an increase in our concern and commitment.

It has been my privilege to participate in a number of district and local events, and, again, I am excited by what I see. Units are reaching out to enlist new members; districts to organize new units. Many units are targeting programs to meet the needs of younger women as well as continuing to serve older members. There is a realization that there must be flexibility to meet the changing circumstances. We're working at all of this, and we're feeling the results.

United Methodist Women's Sunday has provided further emphasis in the local church of the importance of United Methodist Women and its outreach in mission. By the end of February, I will have participated in seven celebrations of United Methodist Women's Sunday. Again I would say to you. We cannot over emphasize the importance of the local unit. It is in your local unit that mission begins. As district and conference officers it becomes our responsibility to see that the vision of mission enlarges and goes out to the ends of the earth.

At this meeting I usually give to you a summary of the information I gleaned from evaluation reports. Because of the change in reporting time, I do not have this information, I am looking forward with great anticipation to compiling these reports and sharing them with you at a later time. I am confident that many good things have been happening. I am also aware that we have not yet reached our goals. As you study these and promote them in the districts, as you help implement the Campaign for Children in every unit, and as we work together, I pray that this year ahead will be the very best ever for United Methodist Women.

May God continue to bless each of you in all that you do!"

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Sally Turner reported that the 1988-1989 Annual Report and Directory has gone to press. The response and support in supplying

the lists of officers and reports keep getting better and better. If a unit did not submit the requested information to its district secretary, the name and address of the local unit president will not appear in the listing for the district. The document will not be as large this year due to the shortened Annual Meeting and the Executive Committee meetings usually held prior to and following the Annual Meeting each year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Betty Ferrington gave the following report:

"Listen to the heartbeat; Listen to the heartbeat of America!", so goes the commercial for an automobile manufacturer. As I go into districts and local units, I might paraphrase that to say, 'Listen to the heartbeat of United Methodist Women!'

I heard that heartbeat empathize with 'Women in Alien Lands', as I taught that study at the Baton Rouge/Hammond District Mini-School and for our local unit.

I felt the strong, rhythmic pulse of the Shreveport District, as I participated in their Annual Meeting - 'A Journey By Faith As Children of God'.

I have heard the sound of many hearts beating as one in the celebration of UMW Sunday at Natchitoches First Church and Palestine.

'Listen to the heartbeat of United Methodist Women!' It sounds loud and clear, not only in America, but all over the world. Praise God!"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION'S REPORT - In the absence of Judy Rountree, there was no report.

COORDINATORS - Reports are on file from each coordinator including the details of the following highlights:

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD - Celina T. Johnson, Conference Coordinator, reported that the material for the observance of Prayer and Self Denial has been sent out; however, at this time no responses have been received concerning participation. Her report on New Officer Training Event will be given later on the agenda.

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS - Wilma Crosby, Conference Coordinator, reported that she had co-chaired District Elected Leaders Training with Sally Turner. In the officer training session the new time and forms for reporting studies were discussed with district counterparts. District coordinators will be responsible for a display at the School of Missions of their churches that will be receiving the Excellence of Study Certificate. Mission cards are being sent once a month to a missionary here or abroad - responses indicate they are appreciative of the gift. She encouraged participation in this project on the district level.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT - Georgie P. Dunbar, Conference Coordinator, reported that communications have been sent to local counterparts updating, reminding, and hopefully spurring them on to promote three issues (local, state, national or international). Areas of promotion of special concerns were (1) South Africa sanctions, (2) legislation for Child Care and the Minimum Wage Law, (3) for peace with prayer, posters and programs, and (4) the Charter of Racial Justice. She reviewed her activities with United Methodist

Women on all levels - citing these as a privilege and opportunity to do something for Christ and for which she is grateful.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - Taylor Phillips, Conference Coordinator, reported that training for the district counterparts at District Elected Leaders Training had emphasized the Campaign for Children and Human Rights with each unit giving a program on the two emphases. Coordinators will write legislators asking them to support bills that deal with the homeless, elderly, women, children, and the working poor. She taught the study, "Faces of Poverty" in her District and will be teaching it at First Church, Jennings, in June 1989.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lois R. Heath reviewed the meetings she had attended and the training session she led at District Elected Leaders Training. She pointed out the New World Outlook will be published six times a year (bimonthly). Response continues to be published monthly except the combined issue, July/August. The subscription price for New World Outlook will be \$11.00, Response will remain \$7.00, and the combined subscription remains \$13.00. The unit of United Methodist Women at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was in charge of the worship service on United Methodist Women's Sunday. All women were invited to a luncheon following the service and seven women joined our organization.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Pat Cobb, Chairperson, explained that at the membership section of District Elected Leaders Training, it was decided that United Methodist Women's Sunday reports would be sent to District Membership Chairpersons and then forwarded to the Conference Chairperson for the scrapbook. Several had been sent to her but she had had no response from any of the District officers. Word has gotten around, informally, that United Methodist Women's Sunday is gaining in both numbers and scope of participation. Mission ribbons are doing a brisk business. About 3,000 have been sold to date. A video tape, "United Methodist Women: Growing in Mission", was received from Women's Division last fall. This fifteen minute tape is the one shown at Regional School last summer. It has been used once in the Monroe District. Perhaps it could be shown at District Elected Leadership Training or Annual Meeting. A new unit has been formed at Roanoke Church in the Lake Charles District. District Presidents were asked to inform her of any others.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Seola Callahan reported that seven districts have Secretaries of Publicity and Public Relations, one has a newsletter editor. The Baton Rouge/Lafayette District does not have a contact person listed. Photos have been taken at all meetings I have attended and a book is being made to be displayed wherever United Methodist Women come together. Several articles and pictures have been sent to the Louisiana Methodist Reporter. She had met the new editorial assistant, Judy Palermo, and will be working with her in an effort to get more publicity for United Methodist Women.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Hilda D. Sills, Chairperson, reported that since the last Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, the booklet, Strengthening the Committee on Nominations, has been reproduced. Copies have been mailed to all members of the Committee on Nominations and six copies were mailed to all nine District Presidents. Copies were also sent to various members of the Committee on Nominations in other conferences as requested



during our training session in Chicago. She has acted as convener for presenting the work of the Nominations Committee at District Elected Leaders Training in Pineville; Local Elected Leaders Training for the New Orleans/Houma District; and the local unit of Mount Zion in New Orleans. All members of the Committee on Nominations were informed of the meeting of the Committee this week-end at Tall Timbers and the importance of their being present as well as to have names of qualified persons to serve our Conference for the 1989 election.

HISTORIAN - Dorothy Abraham was not able to attend - no report at this time. The President pointed out that she is still collecting material and noted that Dorothy, Mary Margaret Barr and she had finally cleared up the files and has in keeping those things considered worthwhile.

EDITOR - Nancy Carruth stressed the importance of correct names and addresses being submitted to and by District Secretaries for the mailings of the Conference Newsletter. The publication is of no use if the information is not available to the membership. She asked that material for the School of Missions issue be to her by April 1 (deadline). Looking ahead to The Annual Meeting issue - the deadline for material will be July 1. Changes of address should be forwarded to her as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES - Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson, responded to the question of how long materials are to be retained. After recently reviewing the President's files, the decision was made that materials prior to the previous four years could be discarded with the exception of letters from missionaries or letters which might have historical significance previous to those four years. In such cases, these should be turned over to the historian. This decision is applicable to all officers (four years of record).

DISTRICT REPORTS - Reports are on file from each district including details of the following highlights:

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - Ola McNaughton, District President, reported that the District Annual Meeting/Local Elected Leaders Training was held at Love Chapel, Haughton, with approximately 125 in attendance. Local presidents from Sub-District III were invited to the December executive committee meeting and covered dish luncheon at the home of Mozelle Tiller. Attendance from our District was excellent for the Financial Interpretation Workshop at Tall Timbers in January. On May 20 a Financial Interpretation Workshop and our Membership Workshop will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, Shreveport. Efforts are being made to reorganize a unit at Vivian United Methodist Church.

RUSTON DISTRICT - Elouise Sanders, District President, reported the District had adopted goals, basically the same as the Conference goals and "All One In Christ" was chosen as the theme for the year. Most units in the Ruston District observed United Methodist Women's Sunday. The District had 100% of units to turn in Annual Evaluation Reports. The Spring meeting on March 12 at First United Methodist Church, Minden, will emphasize highlights of the Financial Interpretation Workshop as well as special and unique projects of various units. The District is blessed with a fine group of hard working and dedicated officers. Efforts are being made to reorganize a unit at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden.

NEW ORLEANS/SLIDELL - Marilyn Ray, District President, reported a call



was given in the November planning meeting to increase membership in each unit, to increase pledges and to implement plans for the Campaign for Children. The District is experiencing communication problems in reporting from the units. This was the first time the District has combined Annual Meeting with Local Elected Leaders Training - the event was successful but attendance was down from previous years due to bad weather. Reports indicate that the majority of units have celebrated United Methodist Women's Sunday. A bi-district workshop is being planned with the New Orleans/Houma District in April as an outgrowth of the Conference Financial Interpretation Workshop.

NEW ORLEANS/HOUMA - Lottie Palazzo, District President, reported plans for a Financial Interpretation Workshop jointly with the New Orleans/Slidell District in April. In an attempt to achieve better reporting from local units, it was discovered that a number of units have been inactive - we are planning to work with them. Steps are being taken to organize units at Belle Chasse and Bayou Blue. COMMUNICATION was set as the major goal. The Shepherdess Program has not been implemented because of failure to receive names and addresses of local officers.

MONROE DISTRICT - Marie Young, District President, reported 1989 has many United Methodist Women activities planned beginning with the planning session of the Executive Committee. The Financial Interpretation Workshop at Tall Timbers will be shared with local counterparts at a District Workshop in May in conjunction with emphasis on Membership as well. The District United Methodist Women will be in charge of preparing and serving food for the "Fabulous Forties Festival" at the Lea Joyner United Methodist Church on February 17-18, which will be a district-wide workshop to explain Advance Specials of the church. She reviewed the schedule of District events for 1989. All units have been asked to have least one first-timer at the School of Christian Mission. The Nominating Chairman has set up a talent bank and forms are being mailed to each unit. There was 100% reporting for all active units for the President's Evaluation Report. All local units will be visited by district officers during the year, and inactive units will be contacted through the ministers in an attempt to reorganize these groups.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT - Mary Lou France, District President, reported 1988 was a good year as the District overpaid its pledge by over \$5,000 and organized two new units at Grand Chenier and the Korean unit at Leesville. All units were involved in some manner in their local church and community, helping with senior citizens programs, shut-ins, women and children shelters. In 1989 efforts will be continued in the "Campaign for Children" and to increase membership. A new unit has been organized at Roanoke United Methodist Church. Our January-February newsletter carried a copy of the proposed conference goals and all units were encouraged to implement them. Conference Mission Coordinators were asked to pass onto the units definite things to activate these areas.

BATON ROUGE/LAFAYETTE DISTRICT - Helen Allemond, District President, reported on the following activities: eight officers attended the School of Christian Mission; the Mini-School of Mission was held August 13 in Lafayette under the leadership of Bonita Davis; Rev. Ester Hammond spoke on "The Poor in Our Midst" at the District Annual Meeting on October 1 at First United Methodist Church, Lafayette; ten district officers attended the Conference Annual Meeting and District Elected Leaders Training at Pineville; Local Elected Leaders Training was held and the executive committee made plans for 1989 in November; and five officers attended the Financial Interpretation Workshop. The District pledge of \$28,000 was overpaid by a small amount. As a new president, I am learning when and how to report.

BATON ROUGE/HAMMOND DISTRICT - Alice Irving, District President, expressed appreciation to the ladies of her District who have carried on the work during the past year while she was caring for her husband who was recuperating from an accident and her mother-in-law who had surgery. She stated that not only have they assumed the responsibilities but they have made me look good. Since the last report, the District team has worked closely with each other and the units to achieve effective results. The District has been well-represented at each Conference event. Our Mini-School of Mission was hosted by Jefferson United Methodist Church on August 20 with outstanding leaders and good participation. The Shepherdess Program is in its second year and progressing toward our goals. The cancellation of the Annual Meeting was a disappointment, but we look forward to hosting it in 1989. Visitation with local units has been a high point of the year - it is good to see the positive attitude, the good work and dedicated services being done. Approximately 75 ladies attended the District Annual meeting at Live Oaks United Methodist Church on October 8 and heard Reverend Ellen Montegudo. In December the executive committee reviewed the year's activities and for 1989 set a schedule of events and established goals. All evaluation reports have been received except from two local presidents. The District has overpaid its pledge for 1988.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT - Winderlean S. Lewis, District President, reported the District had overpaid its pledge for the second consecutive year. All except three units have turned in the Evaluation Report. United Methodist Women's Sunday has been observed throughout the District with the President speaking at Wilton Church in Alexandria and at Wesley/Boonsville Church. Special emphasis is being placed on the Reading Program and the local church mission studies. She discussed the use of transparencies in disseminating the information on the evaluation reports - noting the strengths and weaknesses of the units.

President McCammon requested that district presidents send her the names of the units who have not turned in the evaluation reports during the next year. The suggestion was made to review the form early in the year so the units will know what information will be needed in completing the form at the appropriate time.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT - Mary Spell, Celina Johnson, and Seola Callahan attended NOTE in New York City in December. Each reported on the inspiration, opportunity, training, and fellowship as well as sharing new experiences with directors and staff of Women's Division and new friends from across the United States. As for all who attend, these officers related that their greatest impression was the enthusiasm of everyone.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS TRAINING - Gladys Prillerman and Betty Carlin attended the training event in Chicago representing the Conference Committee on Nominations. Maxie Garrett was unable to attend. Emphasis was placed on the importance of the role of each member of the Nominations Committee to execute successfully the selection process resulting in the election of strong, well prepared and inclusive leadership. The final session dealt with "Making It Work Back Home" - addressing questions of participants. The training event was informative, motivating and filled with enthusiasm.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM - Betty Ferrington, Vice President, gave the following report:



"This committee has not met since July. As chairperson, I can report on programs that have been executed and those in the planning stages. District Elected Leaders Training was held in October. Sally Turner and Wilma Crosby did an excellent job of organizing and planning this event. The ladies at Pineville First Church are to be commended for the local arrangements for DELT and the mini Annual Meeting.

Sally reported that approximately one hundred officers signed registration sheets but not that many completed evaluation forms for District Elected Leaders Training. The overall evaluation for the training event was excellent. Comments relative to combining the mini Annual Meeting and DELT were very positive.

The Financial Promotion Workshop held last month was very informative and inspiring. We have Judy Rountree to thank for doing a superb job as chairperson.

Because of the cancellation of the 1988 Annual Meeting, an administrative decision was made to keep the site for the 1989 meeting in the Baton Rouge/Hammond District and at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church. The Monroe District, Taskgroup Chairperson Bea Moak and Assistant Chairperson Christine Coleman, have graciously consented to be put on hold for a year. Alice Story and Lou Alexander have said yes to another year as Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson. This taskgroup met and decided on a theme, 'Children - Our Future Today' with the emphasis being on the Campaign for Children. We are most fortunate to have obtained Kathleen Guy from the Children's Defense Fund as Keynote Speaker. Kathy collaborated with Women's Division on the Campaign for Children. This promises to be a fantastic event and we promise that where two or more are gathered together there will be Annual Meeting!

You have received the newsletter publicizing the Retreat. Helen Bailey-Johnson and Virginia Aswell have everything well planned. I spoke with Betty Hodges a few weeks ago and she is looking forward to being with us again. We need to keep her in our prayers as she prepares to lead us for the week-end of March 17th, 18th and 19th. Helen reports that registration is at 110 as of last night.

The other event in the works for this year is DELT. This event was scheduled for October 14th. However, we realized that this might conflict with District Annual Meetings, so the date has been changed to October 21st. I notified District Vice Presidents of the change and I hope you all got the word. Discussion of possible changes in the format and time length for this meeting is on the agenda for tomorrow.

The goals adopted by this body were published in the Annual Meeting Program and the Conference Newsletter. From readings District Newsletters, I think a good job has been done of getting these to the local units. Thanks to the Districts for that."

United Methodist Women Assembly will be May 3-6, 1990 in Kansas City, Missouri. The World Federation of Methodist Women will meet in New Orleans this summer - look for exact date in conference newsletter."

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Pat Cobb, Chairperson, gave her report under officers' reports.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Mary Spell, Chairperson, announced the upcoming meeting of the Committee to be held on April 15th at Bunkie. Expense vouchers were distributed.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Taylor Phillips, Assistant Dean, gave the following report:

"The School of Christian Mission Committee met in November to outline our school events for the year. A group list for transportation has been compiled for the West Gulf Regional School - we are in the process of planning to travel by vans. Norma Winegeart and Ray Holt will be driving.

We are working to make this the best school ever. Norma and I worked for two days to compile a list of responsibilities for each Conference officer and School Committee person. We used the Women's Division guidelines to do this.

All teachers have been contacted. So far everything is on target. George Needham will be moving to New York in April. The cost to Shreveport is \$258.00 if we still want him to teach. He will attend Regional School in New York. I ask that you approve this.

We will be meeting in March to do the Newsletter for the School."

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES - Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson, asked if all officers had received their new handbook on the Constitution and Bylaws. She requested that anyone who wanted to submit recommended changes in standing rules to get them to her.

The meeting was recessed with the following unison prayer: "Almighty God of great compassion, your beloved Child Jesus willingly endured the shame and death of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross and follow him in newness of life and hope toward the future you bring. In the strong name of Jesus we make this prayer. Amen."

President Janelle McCammon opened the morning session by sharing reflections from the Prayer Calendar.

Let the days of Lent reveal to us our power of choice--our simple choice of language or of silence, the use or misuse of our appetites, senses and desires. We are people who know good and evil with the power of talent to use one or the other....With God's help let us be led through the days of Lent not into the desert but to solitude; not to the high places or temples but to a vision of more than our wants. Let us not ask to be shown the kingdoms of the world, but the face of Christ." - John Page, Douglas, Alaska

The President discussed what the Louisiana Conference had done and the progress made in the area of promoting the Charter on Racial Justice. Apparently, such efforts were not made throughout the Women's Division. Special emphasis will be undertaken for the next quadrennium. Each conference is to set up a Committee on Racial Justice Policies - comprised of seven members:



Conference president - who will serve as chairperson  
Mission Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement  
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

4 members elected by the Committee on Nominations:

One district president

One additional member of the Executive Committee

Two additional members selected to insure inclusiveness  
and/or special expertise in the skills necessary to  
accomplish a special task

Members are to serve three years and the Committee has no conclusion date. Its function shall be to develop and recommend to the Executive Committee plans for implementation of the Racial Charter and plans for training district and local leadership in the implementation of the Racial Charter and to regularly evaluate the progress made on the approved local and district implementation plans. The Committee on Nominations was asked to come back with a report on this Committee later in the day.

The President reminded the district presidents that each district having a change of member to serve on the Committee on Nominations is to submit three (3) nominations selected by the district executive committee to the Conference Committee on Nominations by the April meeting of the Committee. (A resume with years of tenure should be sent for each nominee.) Those whose terms expire this year are Gladys Revels, Alexandria District; Dorothy Dunbar, Baton Rouge/Lafayette District; and Hilda D. Sills, New Orleans/Houma District.

The President briefly discussed the recent correspondence sent to local units of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men concerning the Pendleton House project. Marion Eggerton explained that this was a means of informing both the women and men of the churches. This is not a United Methodist Women project and we must be careful to support our own channels of giving. It was pointed out that our pledge money is considered mission money and is to be used for that purpose. As women members of the local church, we are to be supportive of church projects (advance specials). United Methodist Women need to understand our position and to interpret it to others. It is not the responsibility of United Methodist Women to support advance specials but to support those things that are uniquely ours.

Vice President Betty Ferrington asked the Executive Committee to give consideration to changing District Elected Leaders Training to an overnight event in order to alleviate the time limitation for leadership training and to accommodate participants who travel long distances for the one day session. Reasons given to justify that the overnight event would be cost effective were:

1. It would give time for groups of officers to coordinate plans and programs, such as, presidents, secretaries and publicity/public relations leaders; treasurers and financial interpreters; vice presidents and mission coordinators; and membership and program resource leaders.
2. It would give an opportunity for every officer to become familiar with the responsibilities of other members of the team - need to see the total picture.
3. It would give time for community building and a foundation of a mission team concept - leadership development.

The Tall Timbers facility would be available for \$22.00 per person (lodging and meals). Adequate space and meeting rooms are available. The cost was deemed reasonable and the accommodations comfortable and convenient. The overnight event needs to be initiated in the fall of 1989 in order to have an experienced president to implement the change. Additionally, out-going officers need to be responsible for officer training sessions with in-coming officers present if possible - both in the conference and the districts. All new officers should be urged to attend training sessions and informed of this when asked to serve. The cost would be an additional \$2200.00 - funds for this year would be taken from lodging and travel expenditures and an amount will be budgeted for future years if advisable. Expectations, suggestions and details will be consider by the Committee on Program.

The motion was made by Taylor Phillip and seconded by Winderlean Lewis that the proposal for a two-day officer training at District Elected Leaders Training be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF DEAN AND ASSISTANT DEAN - The training for Dean and Assistant Dean is held every other year during Annual Meeting. It will not feasible for Taylor Phillip and Norma Winegeart to serve another year as Dean and Assistant Dean - this would mean they would serve for three terms. In order to get back into the pattern, a dean and assistant dean need to be selected at this time.

Ola McNaughton and Gladys Prillerman were selected as Dean and Assistant Dean for 1990, respectively.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN - The Committee discussed how each officer can assume some responsibility for initiating a program and what has already been implemented. Since the emphasis for the Annual Meeting will be on children, women in the Conference will be more knowledgeable and prepared to plan and implement activities in local communities. Specific and tangible ways to help children need to be organized and achieved, regardless of the size of the unit or community. Education is vital to its success.

Suggestions for the four mission coordinators included: (1) serve as tutors for children (honor students may be used as tutors), (2) serve as volunteer drivers for children of working mothers, (3) use supportive community film, "Who Will Speak for the Children", (4) provide an after school story-telling and story-reading hour - possibly with refreshments, (5) watch for legislative concerns and follow through, (6) secure program materials on agencies in the state that provide services for children, (7) sponsor studies and classes for young women with children, and (9) purchase shoes for children who need them. Since the Governor has proclaimed this year as "The Year of the Young Reader", libraries would be sources of programs for children. Emphasis was placed on the first step - to assess the needs of children in the community.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Insurance - Mary Spell, Treasurer, informed the Committee that the Conference insurance policy will expire on March 1, 1989 unless it is renewed by submitting the premium due in the amount of \$100.00. She explained that when we meet at this facility, Tall Timbers covers the insurance of the group to and from and during the meetings.

The motion was made by Sally Turner and seconded by Celina Johnson to authorize the Treasurer to renew the insurance coverage for the Conference with the same company. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy for Paying Expenses for Guest Speakers and Teachers - The Committee requested that Mary Margaret Barr and her Committee on Standing Rules recommend guidelines for reimbursing expenses for guest speakers and teachers for district and local units. This information will need to be presented to local units through the district newsletters, etc.

Goal-Setting - Betty Ferrington stated that in-roads have been made in setting goals in the Conference and Districts but the local units do not have ownership of these goals. She recommended that the goals be presented, voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting.

The motion was made by Betty Ferrington and seconded by Taylor Phillip that the goals established by the Conference Executive Committee be voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Concern - Dulac - President Janelle McCammon shared that the grant in the amount of \$446,000 from Women's Division to Dulac for the construction of a new building had not been received. Also, appropriations for Dulac had been cut from \$60,000 to \$14,000. MacDonell's funds were cut but not that drastically.

The motion was made by Betty Ferrington and seconded by Georgie Dunbar to direct the President to write a letter of inquiry concerning this situation to Women's Division. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee on Racial Justice - The Committee on Nominations announced the members of the Committee as follows:

President - Janelle McCammon  
Coordinator, Christian Social Involvement - Georgie Dunbar  
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations - Hilda Sills  
District President - Marilyn Ray  
Executive Committee Member - Wilma Crosby  
Two additional members - Pat Cobb  
(term - three years) - Gladys Prillerman

The motion was made by Hilda Sills and seconded by Alice Irving that the nominations to the Committee on Racial Justice be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Clarification of Standing Rule - Under COMMITTEES 4.b. the sentence shall read: "Each District Executive Committee shall submit names of at least 3 persons, including UMW experience, to the Conference Nominating Committee for their consideration when making nominations to the Nominating Committee for the UMW Annual Meeting." (The word "to" was changed "for" where underlined.) This year at least 3 names will be submitted to the Committee on Nominations by the following districts: Alexandria, Baton Rouge/Lafayette and New Orleans/Hammond.

Conference Council on Ministries - President McCammon asked that the Committee select two nominations for the Council on Ministries. The Committee elected Janelle McCammon and Judy Rountree.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Sally W. Turner, Secretary

Examiners: Alice Irving  
Marie Young



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 17, 1989

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Monday, July 17, 1989, at 7:00 p.m. in the South Cafeteria, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Janelle McCammon, President.

Present for the meeting were Janelle McCammon, Betty Ferrington, Sally W. Turner, Mary F. Spell, Judith Rountree, Celina T. Johnson, Wilma Crosby, Georgie Dunbar, Taylor Phillips, Pat Cobb, Hilda D. Sills, Seola Callahan, Nancy M. Carruth, Mary Margaret Barr, Lueburda J. Myers, Elouise Sanders, Helen Allemond, Dorothy Abraham, Marie Young, Gladys W. Revels, Marilyn Ray, Alice Irving, Mary Lou France, Lottie Palazzo, Winderlean S. Lewis, Ola McNaughton, Evelyn Evans, and Nadine Hardin.

The opening worship was given by Hilda D. Sills. The theme was "Thanksgiving". The call to worship was "O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name. Make known his deeds among the people." A hymn entitled "Stand Up Ye Christian Women" written by Thelma Fields Taylor (1905-1977), past president of Women's Society of Christian Service of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, to the tune of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" was sung by the gathering. A Litany of Thanksgiving for God's bountiful gifts to his children because his love is everlasting was read with participation by the leaders. She closed with a prayer of thanksgiving and of petition for divine guidance for the leadership of United Methodist Women and for the School of Christian Mission.

APPOINTMENTS - Pat Cobb and Betty Ferrington were appointed to review the minutes.

MINUTES - The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 10 and 11, 1989, were approved as printed and distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence was received since the last meeting.

MISSION TEAM REPORTS - Reports are on file from each officer including details of the following highlights:

PRESIDENT - Janelle McCammon, President gave the following report.

"At our Mid-Year Meeting I reported to you that I was looking forward to receiving the Evaluation Reports of the Districts, First, I want to thank you for the splendid response to my plea for 100% reporting. Five districts had 100%. One district lacked only one report, one four, and one six. We had 91% reporting overall, and that is far better than we have ever had.

These reports showed 771 new members. Isn't that exciting! This is not a net gain, and we will need to work very hard to increase membership if we are to meet our goal for 1990. But we are on the way! We also have an increase in district members, in units newly organized and reorganized, and new sub-groups. A number of



units reported increased membership among young women, with continuing ministry to every age group.

With more accurate reporting, we have a clearer picture of our accomplishments. A total of 472 studies was reported. This is 24 more than last year. There are 147 Bible Study Groups and much participation in Days Apart and spiritual growth activities. The Call to Prayer and Self Denial was observed in 235 units.

Wide use is being made of our program resources. There are 931 individual subscriptions to Response and 191 unit subscriptions. At Regional School we were urged to increase Response subscriptions at least one per unit so that the subscription price can be kept at the present rate. Many units are making good use of our publications.

The use of the new Gift to Mission cards, more Special Recognition gifts, and an increase in World Thank Offerings made possible our overpayment of pledge last year by \$28,000 and a total gift to mission of \$342,000. Our undesignated pledge this year is \$300,000, and with your wonderful spirit and God's guidance, I am confident that we will meet this, too!

740 units throughout the state had programs in areas of human and social justice with 210 actions reported following study. As I look at this, I am convinced that we are taking seriously our goal to become better informed and more conscientious in our responsibility for Christian action in society.

United Methodist Women's Sunday was reported by 249 units. We have pioneered in this observance, and now many other conferences are promoting this special day of recognition of United Methodist Women. This is one way that we can promote understanding of the mission of United Methodist Women as well as in district and conference meetings and training events. We are also experiencing increased attendance at these events.

It has been my privilege to share in the services for seven United Methodist Women Sundays and three special meetings with local units. This spring I have attended the Assembly of Church Women United, Board Meetings of the Methodist Children's Home and MacDonell, worked to secure the appropriation for Dulac, have participated in many meetings of Conference Boards in preparation and planning for the realignment of districts. The Presidents' Consultation held in Dallas in early April for the Jurisdiction was outstanding as was the Regional School which many of us recently attended.

Our presentation for Annual Conference this year highlighted the work of the districts and many of their outstanding accomplishments. The District Presidents assisted in this presentation, and I deeply appreciate their contribution to our report. My presentation at the Laity Hour emphasized that MISSION is our reason for being - from the beginning to the present time.

We look forward to Annual Meeting with its emphasis this year on 'Children - Our Future Today'. We feel that the excellent program that is being prepared will give great impetus to the Campaign for Children which is so vital a part of the present

emphases of United Methodist Women.

Again, as always, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the Mission Team. God has richly blessed us in these past years and He will continue to do so as we work together for the building of His Kingdom here and now. My constant prayer is that everything that we do will be to His glory and pleasing in His sight."

VICE PRESIDENT - Betty Ferrington gave the following update of her activities as vice president.

"Several weeks ago, as part of my Junior High Sunday School lesson, we talked about Moses and the burning bush. I asked the question, 'How can you recognize that you are standing on holy ground?' I received some very unusual responses. One being that holy ground is not always as spectacular as burning bushes. It is sometimes in the ordinary discharge of our Christian responsibilities. In preparing this report, I looked back over my calendar and thought that there really hasn't been anything very exciting happen since last we met. Then, I remembered that it is not always in the burning bush that we meet God. I met Him in two meetings of the Baton Rouge/Hammond Executive Committee. World Day of Prayer was certainly a time of communion with Him and fellow Christians. Speaking for a meeting of the Blackwater Unit was an opportunity to share His love and the work of United Methodist Women. Retreat was a 'burning bush' experience for me. I have never felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as I did that weekend. The finance committee offered a time for reflection on how we must be responsible in spending mission dollars. Writing to my district counterparts reminded me of our 'oneness' with each other and God. Four meetings of our local unit provided a time of for being where the action of United Methodist Women really is. Organizing and chairing a meeting of the North Shore District was rewarded with an enthusiastic response as concepts of mission were restructured and expanded. Regional School, as always, provided a learning, growing experience. No, holy ground is not always found in the spectacular, exciting experiences. More often than not, we find it in the 'everydayness' of Christian living.

As an addendum to the above, I have prepared a display for the School of Mission, prepared for and led a meeting of the Program Committee this morning and attended a meeting of the Finance Committee and a meeting of the School Committee this afternoon.

Calendar updates are as follows: November 3-4, 1989 - District Elected Leaders Training; October 21, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. - School Committee Meeting, Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie; and August 18-19, 1989 - Louisiana State Meeting of The World Federation of Methodist Women, Hotel Inter-Continental, New Orleans."

SECRETARY - Sally W. Turner, Secretary, sought the support of District Presidents to (1) encourage each local unit to submit \$2.00 for its directory, not mandatory but would help defray the cost of publication, (2) remind each local unit to secure its slate of officers for 1990 in August for election in September in order to submit roster of officers to district secretaries by early October, (3) stress the importance of promptness and accuracy in

reporting this information, (4) stress to district secretaries the importance of properly preparing the address labels for the conference newsletter by following the instructions of the editor and using the labels provided, and (5) inform local units of their responsibility of submitting the name of its local president to Service Center for mailings sent from Women's Division (example - Campaign for Children material).

TREASURER - Mary F. Spell, Treasurer, reported that \$103,012.98 representing 34.3% of our Pledge to Mission has been paid. \$24,758.00 of the pledge funds have been retained for Administration and Membership Development expenses. The A & MD budget expenditure is \$24,640.60 or 50.9% of the budgeted amount.

There is a current balance of \$32,841.02 in the checking account and Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Five districts have paid between 45% and 49% and four have paid from 40% to 44% of their pledge to mission.

COORDINATORS - Reports are on file from each coordinator including details of the following highlights:

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD - Celina T. Johnson, Christian Personhood, reported her responsibilities for School of Christian Mission were to provide table graces for each meal and to supply the Meditation Room with inspirational material. She stated that attending the Regional School of Christian Mission was an experience of joy and fulfillment.

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS - Wilma Crosby, Conference Coordinator, reported 58 units will be receiving Certificates of Excellence for studies and 24 receiving Certificates of Participation in studies. Several units completed the required number of hours but did not meet the requirement of taking action. The displays for Certificates are being prepared by District Coordinators this year. "In Service of Christ" cards are being sent to missionaries each month. District Coordinators are being encouraged to ask local units to do the same. Many have responded with notes of appreciation.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT - Georgie Dunbar, Conference Coordinator, reported that the Christian Social Involvement leaders have been working on various issues which touch their areas - realizing they are only one part of the whole but hope that they have kept people aware of society's needs. At Regional School of Mission emphasis was placed on the issue of child care and sanctions against South Africa by sending 350 cards to Congressmen. Plans have been made to send 200 cards during the Conference School. The state issues have centered around the lottery question, wetlands, acid rain and abortion. Certain local needs were confronted as well.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - Taylor Phillips, Conference Coordinator, commented that supportive community is one of the most difficult offices to interpret to members because of its misconception. In the officer update session at Regional School, Odell Johnson listed some specific things to do - copies will be distributed to district counterparts. Special emphasis will be on the Campaign for Children. Copies of a skit to help promote this campaign will be issued to each district for use at the district meetings and local leaders workshops. Skills for community building will be discussed at officers



update. She taught the study, "Poverty in Our Midst", at the Lake Charles District Mini-School and will teach it again in October in her local unit.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Pat Cobb, Conference Chairperson, reported the United Methodist Women Sunday scrapbook contains 215 reports to date. Many who observed this celebration have not reported. Approximately 600 mission ribbons are left - a request was made and approved by the Executive Committee to promote a two-for-the-price-of-one sale at the School of Christian Mission. Pat announced that (1) the Lake Charles District has a new unit at Hackberry United Methodist Church, (2) Trinity Church in Crowley is interested in starting a new unit, and (3) Ruston District has reported a new unit at Wesley Chapel. District presidents were asked that any new units, along with the president's name and address, be submitted to the Membership Committee in order to recognize them at the Annual Meeting. "United Methodist Women: Growing in Mission", a 15-minutes video-tape, is a good tool to promote membership and is available. Eighteen applications for the Estelle Dameron Scholarship have been received; nine for each school; eleven are first-timers.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lois Heath, Secretary, was absent due to illness. No report was given. Sally Nash, Secretary of Program Resources for the Shreveport District, will be in charge of the resource materials during the School of Christian Mission.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Seola Callahan commented that Judith Palermo, editor of the Louisiana Methodist Reporter, has been giving United Methodist Women good coverage. Some local units have sent publicity directly to the newspaper - this is encouraging because publicity is everybody's job. She reviewed the officer update sessions she attended at Regional School. One added feature of Conference School publicity this year will be an interview with Reverend Ester Hammond who is teaching the Study of Islam by a reporter from The Shreveport Times. "United Methodist Women have a great story to tell. Let's all go out and tell it."

EDITOR - Nancy Carruth, editor of the Conference Newsletter, reported the Annual Meeting edition is at the printer and will be mailed in early August. A slip sheet on the financial "31-derful ways" will be included again this year. She asked district presidents to emphasize to their secretaries the importance of following instructions in the preparation of mailing labels for the newspaper.

HISTORIAN - Dorothy Abraham, Conference Historian, announced that she has received the video tape entitled "United Methodist Women: Growing in Mission" from the Women's Division through Reverend Julius Jefferson, Area Secretary of Global Ministries. The tape may be checked out by contacting the Conference Historian. The history of each United Methodist Women District is being collected - the history may be in the form of a written report or a video tape. Articles of interest on various districts and/or units are continuously be clipped. Members of the team were asked to send anything that they would like to have included in the scrapbook to her.

FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Judy Rountree, Conference Secretary of Financial Interpretation gave the following report:

"Financial Interpretation is on-going throughout the



Conference. several districts have had a meeting with emphasis on finance and others are planned for the fall. I conducted a workshop for the Monroe District in the spring.

The 31-derful day format for World Thank offering has been rewritten with the Bible Study remaining the same. It is at the printers and will again be issued with the fall newsletter. Please do all you can to promote this and encourage your district to participate during the month of October.

Also revised was the Mission Candle letter. Consideration is being given to doing something different with the Mission Candle next year. If it works out, you will hear more about this at Mid-Year meeting.

The Pledge Service will utilize information from the Campaign for Children booklet. Campaign for Children is designed for hands-on-mission--action, advocacy, and local involvement--by local women to save our children. The designated monetary channel is the special emphasis of 1989-1992, Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth. Another good channel for funds for children is the Assembly offering--Witness for Children and Youth in a New World. A flyer will be sent to each local unit concerning these channels. All funds for the Assembly offering will need to be collected by April so they can be brought to Kansas City.

Recent grants by Women's Division included \$60,000 for the Street Academy at St. Mark's and \$16,000 for maintenance of St. Mark's totaling \$76,000 in New Orleans. Funding was released for a completely new community center building at Dulac costing \$500,000. National Division was instructed to fund the program for the community center. A conditional grant of \$500,000 to National Division to reduce the \$637,392 deficit was made. One of the three conditions being that at least \$281,500 be restored from cuts to programs for women and children at properties owned by the women's unit, as Dulac, St. Mark's and McDonel's.

A recent article in Response featured Crossline Ministries. This was a grant from National Division made available by undesignated giving. This does not mean Crosslines is a United Methodist Women supported agency but rather one of many supported through funds given by both Women's Division to National Division and World Service funds from local churches to National Division. Please encourage your local congregation to pay their World Service apportionments. Local units of United Methodist Women need to be encouraged to give designated funds to Dulac, MacDonel's and St. Mark's.

All of the above grants coming back into Louisiana are only possible when we give the primary portion of our gifts undesignated.

Please continue to promote and use Gift to Mission Cards and encourage each unit to give one additional Special Mission Recognition pin this year. Through the use of our 'Love Channels' we can meet and exceed our Pledge to Mission.

As Theresa Hoover said at regional school, 'We aren't any greater than any group of Christians ought to be.'

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Hilda D. Sills, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations presented the following nominations for election at the Annual Meeting:

President	Norma Winegeart (Mrs.)	2 years
Secretary	Seola Callahan (Mrs.)	2 years
Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns	Wilma Crosby (Mrs.)	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Membership	Marilyn Ray (Dr.)	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Gladys Prillerman (Mrs.)	1 year
Secretary, Program Resources	Lois Heath (Mrs.)	2 years
Publicity and Public Relations	Fannie Reddix (Mrs.)	2 years
Members, Committee on Nominations	Betty Adams (Mrs.)	3 years
	Katherine Shea (Mrs.)	3 years
	Sylvia Redman (Mrs.)	3 years

A letter of assignments, a calendar of upcoming meetings, and a job description for each prospective office were mailed to each candidate. A letter of acceptance was requested from each nominee. She discussed her participation in the West Gulf Regional School and her sharing our Conference booklet, "Strengthening the Committee on Nominations" and the procedure that is used to get the booklet into the hands of members of the Committee on Nominations on both conference and district levels. In evaluating the work and progress of Conferences, the Louisiana Conference team should be commended for a job well done. Her closing statement was "May God continue to shower His blessings upon all of us and our families so that we may continue to advance His kingdom on earth."

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM - Betty Ferrington, Chairperson, gave a report from the meeting of the Committee held earlier in the day. Judy Rountree was elected Assistant Chairperson. Reports were heard from Chairpersons of Taskgroups on the 1988 Annual Meeting and District Elected Leaders Training. Also, reports were given on the 1989 Financial Promotion Workshop, 1989 Retreat and the forthcoming 1989 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations from this committee were:

1. to approve appointment of of Bea Moak as Taskgroup Chairperson for 1990 Annual Meeting and Christine Coleman as Assistant Chairperson.
2. to approve appointment of Janelle McCammon as Chairperson for Taskgroup of 1991 Retreat and Betty Ferrington as Assistant Chairperson.
3. to approve appointment of Elouise Sanders as Chairperson of Taskgroup for 1990 District Elected Leaders Training and Sally Nash as Assistant Chairperson.
4. to approve an In-Conference Christian Social Responsibility Interpretation Workshop to be held on one of the following

dates: March 9-11, March 30 - April 1, or January 12-14, 1990.

The motion was made by Judy Rountree and seconded by Seola Callahan to accept the above recommendations of the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

The 1989 goals were reviewed and feedback from the President's Report show that the districts and local units are working to attain these goals. With that in mind the committee refined and changed some of these goals. Other goals were considered best used in the ongoing programming through officers' trainings and updates. The following refined, changed and new goals were presented for approval.

1. Increase membership to 13,500 by 1990 through establishing a unit in every church and increasing membership in each established unit.
2. Increase undesignated giving to \$323,000 in 1990 by:
  - a. each member increase pledge 10¢ a day to fund one minute of mission, \$36.50.
  - b. all district and conference offerings go undesignated.
  - c. each unit give one more Special Mission Recognition and all units give at least one.
  - d. each unit emphasize the World Thank Offering using the "31-derful Ways" Campaign in October.
3. Promote the implementation of the Campaign for Children in each local unit.
4. Emphasize the four missional areas - Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, and Christian Global Concerns through:
  - a. individual participation in the Reading Program.
  - b. Unit participation in the Mission Studies.
  - c. utilization of United Methodist Women's program resources and publication.
5. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

The motion was made by Betty Ferrington and seconded by Sally Turner that the proposed goals for 1990 for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women be adopted as listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

The question was asked, "What strategies would be used in the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies and what progress has been?" The response was that the strategies are incorporated within the policies.

President McCammon stated, "Reports from the districts show that the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women is composed of approximately 25% black memberships and 75% white members and that without exception every district team and the conference team have more than 25% black representation - the present representation is more than one-third. On the Committee on Nominations this year, the black representation has been 66 2/3%.



In all of the comparisons that we have done within other conferences, we have apparently worked harder at being inclusive than many of the others - we do have results to show for it. Louisiana Conference has more black representation than any other conference in the West Gulf Region. The first meeting of the Committee on Racial Justice Policies will meet on July 18, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. The Louisiana Conference has made great strides in being inclusive; however, not as much progress has been made on the local level. As United Methodist Women, we are committed to overcoming barriers that separate people and particularly those that represent injustice, inequality and inequity. The first thing we are asked to do is to assess what we have done in the last few years. In 1983 a booklet entitled, Opening Doors to Racial - Ethnic Understanding (a reflection and action guide), was published by the Louisiana Conference and distributed by request to other conference. Erellyne Bradford and Estelle Dameron made a presentation in the districts with the goal to promote the Charter in all local units. The agenda for the committee meeting is to determine where we are and where we should go from here to be what United Methodist Women are committed to be and that is to be an inclusive fellowship that loves and cares for each other in the context of service to God. God does not call us to status quo - God goes out there before us and he calls us to follow Him and that is precisely what we are trying to do."

1989 CONFERENCE RETREAT - Betty Ferrington read the following report from Helen Bailey Johnson, Chairperson of this event:

"'Spreading the Glory, Rekindling the Flame' was the theme of the 1989 Retreat, March 17-19, at the Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Our most capable leader, Betty Hodges of Decatur, Georgia, led us through the Book of Psalms. Spiritual singing by many beautiful voices highlighted the Retreat which was led by Betty Ferrington and Helen Franklin. There was a time for meditation, personal devotion, renewal and quiet time as we worshiped together.

The attendance was not as great as in previous years. We were told through evaluation that this was due to the Easter holidays.

Every District was represented. The at-home retreatants were sent the same material as was used at the Retreat."

1989 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Taylor Phillips, Dean, gave the following report:

"All our study leaders have been certified and they are here. Two changes in the leadership had to be made because of illness. Betty Ferrington will coordinate the music and Sally Nash will be responsible for Program Resources.

Persons wishing to write a proposal for a study can do so. Suggestions must be sent to Women's Division by August 15, 1989.

We would like to recommend that Evelyn Evans' name be sent in for the Children's Workers Workshop to be held in June 1990. This will be at our expense, less \$25 subsidy by Women's Division. Only 25 names will be selected from the ones nominated by the conferences.

As of today, we have 268 persons registered for the Schools and



more are coming in. We are asking for your prayers and your cooperation for a successful school."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Mary Spell, Chairperson, reported that the Committee set the 1990 Pledge at \$315,000 which is a five percent (5%) increase (\$15,000). The projected fair share giving goal is \$323,000. The proposed Administration and Membership Development Budget for 1990 is \$51,545. The proposed budget was adopted for presentation and approval at the Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES - Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson, distributed the most recent Standing Rules (Revised 1986) to those officers who had not received a copy - these are to be passed on to each officer's successor. Current financial guidelines for the various events were given to the appropriate Conference officers.

A recommendation was made to establish and communicate suggestions to local units in particular for paying the travel expenses of study leaders, conference officers, etc. who are invited to lead studies, workshops, etc. This need was addressed also at the last Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee asked the Committee on Standing Rules to present a proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

1989 ANNUAL MEETING - The Conference Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women will be at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 15-16, 1989. The theme for the meeting will be lifting up the Campaign for Children and children will be involved in the program. Kathleen Guy who wrote the "Campaign for Children" will be the speaker on Friday. Judy Watts will speak on the "Agenda for Children" on Saturday. The Broadmoor Women's Ensemble and Bell Choir and the Children's Liturgical Dance Choir will participate. Reverend Carolyn Brannon and Reverend Carol Susan Winn will led worship services and Bishop William Oden will be the Celebrant for the Service of Holy Communion.

Betty Ferrington expressed appreciation to Alice Story, Chairperson; Lou Alexander, Assistant Chairperson; and the ladies of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church and the Baton Rouge/Hammond District.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Seola Callahan, Chairperson, reported that this event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 1989, at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Alexandria. The theme will be "For Such a Time As This", Esther 4:14. Reverend Fay Barrhartung will be the emphasis speaker. A tentative schedule and a flyer are ready for distribution to this Committee. Each District President will receive a letter asking her to provide the names of those elected officers that will be attending. These names need to be submitted immediately following district annual meetings but no later than October 20. The success of DELT actually depends on the attendance by the district officers and the preparation and presentation by the conference officers. "We are all a team...receiving and giving to one another. I'm going to give this my best effort...I know I can count of each of you to do the same."

#### SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UPDATES

Lueburda J. Myers, Secretary of the Core Planning Group, brought

greetings from our jurisdictional officers and reviewed her responsibilities and activities - highlighting the Conference Presidents' Consultation in Dallas, Texas, and the preparation and leadership of the Campaign for Children workshops as a segment of the Women's Division Update. Organizing and preparing the Core Planning Group directory for conferences, etc. is her responsibility. She perused the Louisiana Conference Committee on Nominations of the Core Planning Group's file and asked members of the team who were interested to submit their names to update the file (this is like the Conference talent bank). She cited her schedule for upcoming jurisdictional meetings.

Judy Rountree, member of the West Gulf Regional School team, gave the following report for the 1990 School to be held at Centenary College:

"The dates of the 1990 school were set to encompass a week-end for 1990. This was two-fold in reasoning, a working woman would not have to miss a whole week of work, and travel is not as expensive if it includes an overnight on Saturday. This will work a hardship, possibly, on some clergy but the main purpose of Regional School is to provide a school for conference committees. There are several ways to certify for being a study group leader.

The theme is "Christian Faith and Cultural Realities", studying Galatians; People of a Prophetic Church: Central America; and Gospel, Culture and Media. Study group leaders at the school will include Bishop and Mrs. Hearn--Ann will lead Galatians and Woody will lead Central America.

We will be the host conference providing us an opportunity to share our wonderful facilities and southern hospitality with the rest of the west Gulf Region. Evelyn Evans has been appointed to the West Gulf Planning Team as Person Coordinating Local Arrangements. I know you will be hearing more from her as plans progress.

The learning Center was such a success this year, it will be repeated for next year. Our assignment falls under Gospel, Culture and Media. It is the Black Interpretation of the Gospel as a significant shaper of North American culture.

Also, the Worship Committee has requested the names of any instrumental talent within the pattern of attendance. If any of you play a musical instrument, please give me your name. A special request was for a gospel pianist. This person does not have to be in the pattern of attendance.

We are hoping to visit the television studio at First United Methodist Church here and possibly having a spot on 'Catch the Spirit' as we are the most ethnically diverse regional school."

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT - Nadine Hardin, Financial Consultant representing Women's Division to the Louisiana Conference, expressed appreciation to the conference team for their leadership particularly in the area of undesignated giving. The 1988 goal was not fully reached; however, the Louisiana Conference came on and did their share. She discussed phases of the program on undesignated giving and plans to work with the district leadership teams to work and communicate more effectively with the local units. It is important

that the local units be targeted in 1989 if we want to see results within our time-line for achieving the goal of \$24,000,000 by the end of 1990. It is important that we build into our work in 1990 the assurance of continuing efforts to increase undesignated giving as an ongoing part of our program.

DISTRICT REPORTS - Reports are on file from each District including details of the following highlights.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT - Winderlean Lewis, District President, reported the district retreat was held April 8th at Bethel United Methodist Church led by the district team - the Love Feast was conducted by Winderlean Lewis. The recent newsletter encouraged members to attend the School of Christian Mission and included a list of approaching events. She closed, "This is my tenure year as president and district member, it is great to have had the opportunity to share and work with all the ladies of the District and the great State of Louisiana."

BATON ROUGE/HAMMOND DISTRICT - Alice Irving, District President, gave a report on the following activities: United Methodist Women's Sunday programs at Ingleside United Methodist Church and Clinton United Methodist Church, on April 8 a chartered bus carried forty-six people to MacDonell and Dulac to tour Louisiana mission projects, and the Service of Consecration for St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 11. The Baton Rouge/Hammond District realizes they have a lot to do concerning the realignment of the districts. They are working with the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District to have a slate of officers for the new Baton Rouge District after the District Annual Meeting in October.

BATON ROUGE/LAFAYETTE DISTRICT - Helen Allemond, District President, reviewed special events, such as, the District Annual Day apart held March 4 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, the Annual United Methodist Women Luncheon at Indian Bayou, and the District Annual Meeting to be held at Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church in Opelousas - the program will phase out the existing district using the theme "Successful Endings - Faithful Beginnings". Organizational meetings of the new Acadiana District have gone well. The Committee made the decision to ask the officers living in Acadiana District to continue to serve. The nominating committee was changed to include only the members located in Acadiana District. Paula Milo was elected to serve as chairperson, since the present chairperson lives in Baton Rouge. Other officers will be nominated to replace those living outside the new district. A complete slate of officers will be ready for approval by the executive committee when they meet at the School of Christian Mission. Her closing statements were "My reward for serving as President of the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District is the many close friendships with so many loving and kind United Methodist Women. I shall miss working with the ladies that live in the Acadiana District. I now look forward to a 'New Horizon' - the Baton Rouge District."

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT - Mary Lou France, District President, presented the highlights for the spring. The Lake Charles District retreat led by Janice Burch assisted by Reverend Howard Childs and Reverend Ray Holt had as its theme, "Be still and know that I am God". Lake Charles District members assisted with and attended the Laity Dinner held at Henning United Methodist Church with Marilyn Oden as the featured speaker. Under the leadership of Frances Cole, Coordinator of Supportive Community, the mission team members were assigned the various units of the District to contact, visit and



encourage them in the Shepherdess Program and to take part in the Campaign for Children. Sybil Moore, Chairperson on Membership, has been very busy encouraging all units to have a United Methodist Women Sunday and to report it - the goal of 100% was reached. Lake Charles District announced another new unit organized and officers installed on June 18 at the Hackberry United Methodist Church - that makes two new units in 1989. The district treasurer stated reports were good for the first and second quarters - anticipates meeting the goal of increased pledging for 1989.

MONROE DISTRICT - Marie Young, District President, stated that in an effort to get District members, the district team has been very busy visiting the local units, contacting churches where there are no units, and making contact with units that have disbanded. The Spring Retreat was held in April with Ola McNaughton as the leader. She reviewed the activities of the District and the up-coming events. The prayer chain is going very well with calls twice a month unless it is necessary to relate special information to the members - this keeps the team in touch with all units over the district. A Lay Speaking School held by the church and conducted by the Rev. Jim Wilson and Dr. George Brian was attended by one Conference officer, three District officers, and four members - making a total of eight members who completed the course and received a Lay Speaking Certificate. All District leaders are working toward a better year for 1989.

NEW ORLEANS/HOUMA DISTRICT - Lottie Palazzo, District President, announced the District has welcomed two new units, Bayou Blue and Belle Chasse. The Executive Committee met at least every other month in an attempt to draw closer into a "community". In April the District with the New Orleans/Slidell District held a Financial Interpretation Workshop with good participation. Pastors were invited, and a few were actively involved, helping to clarify the relationship between, and the separation of, funds for the local church and United Methodist Women. In May there was, what has become a popular annual event, the Spring Fellowship Luncheon in Thibodaux. Cynthia Streams has done an excellent job each year in coordinating this event. It was a rare privilege to be able to participate in the report to the Annual Conference with the Conference President and other District Presidents and representatives. In July there was a joint planning session for the "new" New Orleans District involving executive committee members from both Districts who will be within the new boundaries. The final Annual Meeting for New Orleans/Houma District will be Saturday, October 7 at Aurora United Methodist Church in Algiers, and the organizational meeting for the New Orleans District will be held Sunday, October 8 at St. Matthews Methodist Church in Metairie. "Planning for a new District is challenging and a bit frightening. I pray that all that we do may reflect God's love and his will for his kingdom in the future."

NEW ORLEANS/SLIDELL - Marilyn Ray, District President, reported that the units in the District continue in their outreach mission to children, women and the elderly. She reviewed the District's activities and participation in Conference events as well as the future plans for the rest of the year. On July 8 the executive teams of the New Orleans/Houma and New Orleans/Slidell Districts met to reorganize the New Orleans District. There was a warm and congenial atmosphere as they planned the first Annual Meeting as a new district. Four Bessie Porter Scholarships were given to the 1989 School of Christian Mission. She closed her report, "As the months dwindle down to a precious few, we will cherish memories of our legacy and pray for God's



guidance as we move in unity with the ladies from the New Orleans/Houma District. We pledge to continue to support the Louisiana Conference in all of its plans."

RUSTON DISTRICT - Elouise Sanders, District President, reported the Ruston District of United Methodist Women is growing. On a picture perfect spring day in the newly completed sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Minden, 133 people from 22 units attended the Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 12. The program featured a report from the Treasurer and Financial Interpreter as well as reports on special projects of the various units - "Ministry to Women in Prison", "Caring in Nursing Homes", and "Work in Hospital Guild". A new unit has been organized at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Ruston and on April 9 a special service was held with Mrs. Janelle McCammon as speaker for the occasion and Elouise Sanders installed the new officers. Reverend Kathy Dauphin led a most successful Spring Retreat at Caney Conference Center based on the theme, "Women in the Bible".

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - Ola McNaughton, District President, reviewed many activities which the District has sponsored and the participation in Conference meetings and events. She led the Monroe District Retreat. District officers have responded to requests on evaluation reports to visit local units. Efforts are being made to reactivate the units of the Vivian and Jewella churches. Gladys Prillerman led an inspiring overnight retreat at Caney Lake in April. On May 20 a Membership Seminar led by Pat Cobb, Conference Membership Chairperson, and a Financial Interpretation Seminar led by Lurline Folk, District Treasurer, were held at Christ United Methodist Church.

ASSEMBLY - The President discussed and distributed the registration material concerning the Assembly of United Methodist Women to be held in Kansas City, Missouri. The theme will be "Witnesses for a New World". She announced that specific instructions and procedures to follow will be given to district presidents individually. The Louisiana Conference has a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Each district has an allotment of \$400.00 for Assembly expenditures.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN - Mary Margaret Barr, City Spin-Off Chairperson, announced the World Federation of Methodist Women state meeting will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental in New Orleans, August 18-19, 1989. The purpose is "To know Christ and to make Him known" and the theme is "Growing in Christ". She encouraged other groups or cities to have spin-off meetings following the state meeting to involve others in the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Ola McNaughton requested that budgeted funds for World Federation of Methodist Women be given to the organization toward expenses of the state meeting. The comment was made that the area of responsibility for World Federation of Methodist Women belongs to the Conference Vice President. The President instructed the Treasurer to research the proper procedure and take appropriate action.

Judy Rountree proposed the purchase of specially designed T-shirts for United Methodist Women - to identify Louisiana Conference women for Assembly and as they host the Regional School next summer. The cost will be \$8.00 per shirt and will be purchased on an individual basis. The executive team

approved the proposal for T-shirts.

The Committee of Racial Justice Policies will meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 18, 1989, in the second floor lounge of James Dormitory.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Sally W. Turner, Secretary

Examiners: Pat Cobb  
Betty Ferrington

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 20, 1989

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, July 20, 1989, in the second floor lounge of James Dormitory following the meeting of School of Christian Mission Committee. The meeting was called to order by the Janelle McCammon, President.

Others in attendance were Betty Ferrington, Sally W. Turner, Mary F. Spell, Judith Rountree, Taylor Phillips, Pat Cobb, Seola Callahan, Nancy Carruth, Georgie Dunbar, and Ola McNaughton.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a delegate to the World Federation of Methodist Women state meeting.

The motion was made by Taylor Phillips and seconded by Seola Callahan that Betty Ferrington be elected as a delegate to the state meeting of World Federation of Methodist Women in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 18 and 19, 1989. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sally W. Turner, Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
Executive Committee Minutes  
September 14, 1989

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, September 14, 1989, at 7:00 p.m. in the Activities Building, Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Janelle McCammon, President.

Present for the meeting were Janelle McCammon, Betty Ferrington, Sally W. Turner, Mary F. Spell, Judith Rountree, Seola Callahan, Mary Lou France, Georgie Dunbar, Hilda D. Sills, Pat Cobb, Lueburda J. Myers, Lois R. Heath, Alice Irving, Lottie Palazzo, Marie Young, Elouise Sanders, Mary Margaret Barr, Wilma Crosby, Helen Allemond, Nancy Carruth, Alice Story, Sue C. Johnson, Norma S. Winegeart, Marilyn Oden, Rena Sandidge, Amy Ward, Marion Eggerton, and Hubert Blanchard.

President McCammon recognized and welcomed the following: Marilyn Oden (ex-officio member as wife of Bishop William Oden of the Louisiana Conference), Sue C. Johnson, Rena Sandidge Scott, Amy Ward, and Hubert Blanchard.

The opening worship was given by Pat Cobb - the theme was "Happy New Year!" The scripture was II Corinthians 4:1-2. The essence of the meditation was "As we approach a new year, United Methodist Women-wise, we look to new beginnings--going in different directions. We are grateful for work to do. May we do so by sowing seeds of love and kindness." Four o'clock seeds were given to each one present; symbolic of what one can become. In closing she read the words to the Hymn, "Another Year Is Dawning."

APPOINTMENTS - Elouise Sanders and Alice Irving were appointed to review the minutes.

MINUTES - The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 17, 1989, and the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 1989, were approved as corrected and printed.

CORRESPONDENCE - Notes were received from the following: Celina Johnson wrote that she will be in Washington, D. C. at this time. Ola McNaughton and Gladys Prillerman are attending a training session for deans and assistant deans in Nashville. Dorothy Mae Taylor and Winderlean Lewis stated they could not be present. Taylor Phillips is ill. Nadine Hardin sent a gift to mission "Thank You Card" for allowing her the privilege and joy of being a part of our conference.

JURISDICTION UP-DATES -

Rena Sandidge Scott, a member of the Core Planning Group for the South Central Jurisdiction, brought greetings from the Jurisdiction. She discussed the upcoming South Central Jurisdiction experience for local women. The title of this event is "Each Local Woman - Claiming Our Heritage In Mission". The general description is a leadership development emphasis for the local member of United Methodist Women that seeks to enable the local unit to claim the heritage of women in the church organized for mission as a basis for



understanding and expanding concepts of mission appropriate for current needs. Designed to be educational and motivational, this emphasis will utilize creative programming as a means of interpreting and sharing concepts of mission. The date of November 9-11, 1990 but the site has not been determined. This emphasis will be implemented in two stages, with recommendations for an on-going follow-up. Stage One consists of a jurisdiction-wide training event for selected participants from each conference for the purpose of motivation, education, and the initiation of planning of spin-off events. Stage Two of the leadership development emphasis will be implemented in 1991 and will consist of follow-up or spin-off events for local women. The planning of Stage Two will begin at the Stage One Jurisdiction Training Event. The attendance pattern, application process, responsibility of participants, responsibility of the conferences, covenant, and funding were outlined.

Lueburda J. Myers, Secretary of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, brought greetings and summarized her activities and responsibilities - currently working on the jurisdiction directory and standing rules. She listed the Core Planning Group goals as follows: (1) to stress the local unit, (2) to stress communication between the Core Planning Group and the Conferences, (3) plan and conduct the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in April 1992, and (4) to establish a task force to develop resources and educational opportunities which will interpret the United Methodist Women organization and its purpose and mission according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. The theme of the local woman event is "Each local woman claiming our heritage in mission."

Hubert Blanchard, Member of the Board of Global Ministries assigned to the Women's Division, stated that he is convinced that the women's organization in the United Methodist Church is the strongest organization that he knows of and that without the women of the church, the church would really be suffering. He asked that the women encourage the men in the local churches to become stronger. The power, work and money of United Methodist Women is well known and appreciated.

Sue C. Johnson, Regional Representative of Women's Division assigned to the Nashville Region, reviewed her schedule of responsibilities and work at Scarritt-Bennett Center. She described the renovation of the Scarritt-Bennett facility during the past year and the plans and programming that are now in progress. This weekend the deans and assistant deans for conference schools of mission are in training at the Center. She hopes to teach in the Louisiana school next summer and is available to assist us where needed.

Alice Story, Chairperson of the 1989 Annual Meeting Task Group, reported that everything is included in the program except the order of the worship services and the evaluation forms - these will be distributed at the appropriate times. Dinner tickets for Saturday night have all been sold. There will not be a head table; however, officers and special guests will have place cards located on various tables. The processional instructions were reviewed and copies of the processional hymn were distributed. Donna Lusted, organist and pianist, hurt her arm in an accident and Alice Story and others will substitute for her - so there will be some changes in the music listed in the program.

Amy Ward, member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry,



stated that she misses serving on the Board of Global Ministries but that higher education is a mission also. She announced the publication of a new book about the history of United Methodists in education - it is really the history of the United States. Next week she will attend the National Convocation of Campus Ministries - this is mission as well. She shared the booklet, Louisiana's Disappearing Wetland Habitat, which is background on Proposition 2 and its passage will determine whether Louisiana is serious about saving our wetlands. This is not a tax but a dedication of a small portion of the state's existing mineral revenues every year to a trust fund. At the present approximately 100 acres of wetlands are disappearing each day. She asked that this material be shared with our local churches.

Marilyn Oden, ex-officio member, expressed pleasure for being included as a member of the Executive Committee and looks forward to the Annual Meeting.

MISSION TEAM REPORTS - Reports are on file from each officer including details of the following highlights:

PRESIDENT - Janelle McCammon, President, will give her report to the Annual Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT - Betty Ferrington, Vice President, gave the following update of her activities:

"Usually there is a hiatus of United Methodist Women activities after the School of Missions through the month of August. Not so this year. I spent the two days immediately following School to prepare a talk about the 'Commitment and Purpose of United Methodist Women' which I presented to the local unit here at Broadmoor. It was a most enjoyable time of visiting with them and talking about a subject that is one of the loves of my life. To be in the local unit is my favorite thing to do. So, I was thrilled that the Gonzales Unit asked me to do the same presentation for them.

From there I became immersed in evaluations of the School of Mission. This was my first time to compile evaluations for a Conference event and it was a real 'hill climber.' However, every evaluation form was read and compiled and sent to the proper people. We will be looking at those at the School Committee Meeting next month.

The first of August I taught the study on the Philippines for the Baton Rouge/Hammond District Mini-School. This was an exciting and rewarding day. I shall miss this group of wonderful, dedicated friends.

However, I already feel a closeness and comradery with our new district officers-elect. We met to finalize plans for the organizational meeting to take place on October 8th. It was also a time for getting to know each other. The North Shore District is indeed off to a good start.

I attended the State Rally of World Federation of Methodist Women. It was truly an experience that I will long remember. I was very proud of those of our organization who had given of their time and talents to this event. Ola McNaughton was Treasurer and Mary

Margaret Barr was City Spin-Off Chairperson. Although, a new grandchild kept her from being present, Mary Margaret had prepared well and Janelle McCammon, in her usual capable fashion stepped in to preside in her place. In fact, Janelle did a magnificent job in several instances without prior knowledge that she was to be on the program. She never ceases to amaze me with her knowledge and unflapability. Of course, her love for God and His Kingdom shines through everything she does. Margaret St. Amant and Nell Inman performed the magic feat of the day by turning an hour long workshop into thirty minutes. They were matched only by the prowess of Marta Sanfiel in presenting a scheduled hour Bible Study in twenty minutes. We were well represented in attendance, although, I was disappointed in the number of Caucasian women attending. We were sorry to miss Ethel Borne's address, but her husband's illness kept her from attending. However, Dr. Wilhelmena Lawrence, Vice President of the North American Region, responded to the call of pinch hitter and did a marvelous job. It was interesting to experience different ways of worshipping God, to sing 'New Songs', to hear the same concerns as we have voiced by other Methodist women. I appreciated being in attendance at a meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women. It has given me a better insight into the organization.

These past few weeks have been spent in collecting dates, securing permission and places for events to be held. These efforts have resulted in the Conference Calendar of Events. All of you will receive a copy. I urge you to share these with with your District Courterparts and to highlight those events in which they will be involved.

You will note that the Social Responsibility Interpretation Workshop that we had scheduled for 1990 is not on the calendar. All 'In Conference Workshop' dates have been filled for 1990 and 1991. I took the liberty of putting us on the calendar for 1992, 1993 and 1994, at which time the rotation will be completed again.

As I finish this report of the Vice President and Committee on Program Chairperson, I want to share with you that it has been a joy, a blessing and a privilege to serve on the same team with Janelle McCammon, Sally Turner, Pat Cobb, Hilda Sills, and Mary Margaret Barr. They will always be a part of us. May each of us know that those who come behind us find us as faithful as they have been."

SECRETARY - Sally W. Turner, Secretary, sought the support of district presidents to encourage district secretaries to provide officer lists, labels, requested information, etc. as accurately and promptly as possible. District presidents were asked to submit the district year-end summary reports for the Annual Directory and Yearbook.

TREASURER - Mary F. Spell, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$25,201.59 in the checking account which includes \$7,444.57 for the Mission Candle. The financial statement for the School of Christian Mission reflects income of \$17,124.05 with expenditures of \$23,525.91. Adding the budgeted amount of \$7,500.00 to the income and subtracting the expenses leaves a credit of

\$1,067.24 for the 1989 School of Mission as of this date. A statement of the 1989 Retreat shows the income over expenses was \$1,225.12.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Judy Rountree, Financial Interpreter, reported a letter from Jerry Bridges stated that MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services has received a grant from National Division to renovate one of the cottages. This is in addition to what Louisiana has received for Dulac Community Center and St. Mark's Community Center as well as Crosslines Ministries. "United Methodist Women should continue to work for undesignated giving for United Methodist Women and work also for the total congregation to pay their World Service. The total church must become more involved in total mission. As leaders, we need to share the knowledge we gain and make it known that our projects are receiving more then we are sending out. We need to keep doing what we are doing well."

COORDINATORS - Reports are on file from each coordinator including details of the following highlights:

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD - Celina T. Johnson, Conference Coordinator, was absent - no report was given. Certificates for the Reading Program were given to the district presidents to be presented at district annual meetings.

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS - Wilma Crosby, Conference Coordinator, stated she will be completing her first term - noting there have been some frustrating times with the change in the reporting of studies, especially the new idea of giving Participation Certificates. She plans better communications with district coordinators. She reported a tabulation of units participating in studies for the past several years which might be helpful to the districts.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT - Georgie Dunbar, Conference Coordinator, reported what she had shared with district coordinators: the wetlands, acid rain, environmental pollution, pay scale, as well as continuing to work on child care to get the Act for Better Child Care, HR-30, bill passed in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress. She pointed out that these issues are ever before us and it is necessary that we keep alert them and and do what we can to remind people to try to get support for the stand that our churches and our organization take on these issues. A legislative calendar was sent to each Christian Social Involvement Coordinator so they could know what legislation was coming up in Congress and take action accordingly. Mentally Ill Awareness Week is scheduled for October 1-7 and the Week of Peace with Justice is October 16-24.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - Taylor Phillips, Conference Coordinator, was absent due to illness - no report was given.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lois Heath thanked all those who assisted in the Resource Center at the School of Christian Mission - sales were excellent and a reorder had to be made. Books are available for sale to local units at this Annual Meeting. The October Response contains material on children which is our emphasis. In the coming issue of New World Outlook there will be articles and photographs on the international mission study. The theme for the fall drive is "Response - What's In It For Me?" Skits and banners will be available for local units.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Pat Cobb, Chairperson gave an update on the



United Methodist Women Sunday reporting which has grown from 148 to 218 in four years. Many units have celebrated this special day but not reported. There have been seven new units this year: Grand River in Baton Rouge District, Hackberry and Roanoke in the Lake Charles District, Bayou Blue and Belle Chasse in the New Orleans/Houma District, and Jewella in the Shreveport District.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Hilda D. Sills, Chairperson, gave the following report:

"Updated information for the Committee on Nominations received from Staff Member Murden Woods at the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in June 1989 was reproduced and distributed to President McCammon, nine copies to district presidents, and Committee on Nominations members.

After the Executive Meeting during the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission, the following tasks were implemented:

- (1) Telephone calls were made to Alice Story and Sylvia Redman after being named to serve on the Conference for the term of 1990-92.
- (2) Official letters were sent to both nominees requesting a formal answer.
- (3) The Committee on Nominations presented a drama, "Wake up your Conference - let them know about nominations," on the last night of the weekend school.
- (4) Letters were sent to all members of the Committee on Nominations in reference to the special meeting to be held before the Annual Meeting in order that two persons be nominated to the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies. This was because Gladys Prillerman is now Chairperson on the Committee on Nominations and Marilyn Ray is not longer a district president
- (5) The following persons were nominated to serve on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies:
  - (a) Mary Lou France for three years. (district president)
  - (b) Marilyn Ray for two years, to complete Gladys Prillerman's term.

It was a pleasure and wonderful experience working on the Committee on Nominations as both a member and chairperson. The knowledge that I have gained will be with me forever. I am grateful to Almighty God for giving me the good health and wisdom to complete the many tasks that were entrusted to me. May each of you be led into avenues of dedication so that you may become a blessing to others."

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Seola Callahan, Conference Secretary, commented that for the last few weeks every issue of the Louisiana United Methodist Reporter has had at least one article about United Methodist Women,



most have included pictures. The districts and local units are doing a great job of reporting and our relationship with the editorial staff of the Louisiana Reporter seems to be better than ever. Alice Story and her committee took the publicity for Annual Meeting to Judith Palermo and the coverage was excellent. District newsletters have proven to be our best method of communications with the local unit. The Conference Publicity and Public Relations person needs to be on all the district mailing lists. This office is still new in many districts and experiencing growing pains. Communication between the local unit and conference is our weak link but we are working on it.

DISTRICT REPORTS - Reports are on file from each district including details of the following highlights:

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT - Winderlean Lewis, District President, reported that final plans have been completed for the District Meeting, local officers' training, nominees for district officers, and other business matters. The Annual District Meeting will be held Saturday, October 14, 1989, at Horseshoe United Methodist Church, Alexandria, at 9:30 a.m. Initial contact with the possibility of organizing a unit at LeCompte has been made. (This report was read in the absence of the District President.)

BATON ROUGE/HAMMOND DISTRICT - Alice Irving, District President, stated that the redistricting has been a busy time. A letter was sent inviting all of the members of the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District who will be a part of the Baton Rouge District and all of the members of the Baton Rouge/Hammond District who will be a part of the Baton Rouge District to a meeting on Saturday, August 26, 1989. The purpose of the meeting was to select a slate of officers of officers to be presented in October at the District Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 1989, at the Gonzales United Methodist Church. On Saturday, October 7, 1989, the district is going to celebrate the past, present, and future where United Methodist Women in the Baton Rouge/Hammond District are concerned. We want to close this District on a note of celebration. She expressed pleasure from the District in hosting the Conference Annual Meeting this weekend.

BATON ROUGE/LAFAYETTE DISTRICT - Helen Allemond, District President, told about the excitement of the chartering of the Grand River unit in Plaquemine - this is the little church that Reverend McCammon, Janelle's husband, built to give the people in this community a church home. The last meeting for the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District will be October 7 at Louisiana Memorial in Opelousas with a successful ending and a new beginning. On October 14 an orgnaization meeting of the Arcadiana District will be held in Franklin. She reviewed the procedure used in the organizing of the new district with a good slate of officers. She expressed mixed emotions about the change but also looks forward to the new district.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT - Mary Lou France, District President, reported the district came in second in number registered for School of Mission. The fall planning session was held August 10th at the spacious home of Joan Miller in Ville Platte - with Marguerite Smith as co-hostess - plans for the District Meeting for October 7 at First United Methodist Church of Jennings and Local Elected Leaders Training for November 18 at University United Methodist Church of Lake Charles were finalized. Dates for Conference Annual Meeting, District Elected leaders Training, and the 1990 Assembly in Kansas City were stressed and all officers were encouraged to attend.

MONROE DISTRICT - Marie Young, District President, reported that the Mini-School of Christian Mission was held August 19 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Monroe, with a brown bag lunch and the ladies of Memorial serving dessert and drink. Teachers were: Psalms - Reverend William Peoples, The Philippines - Gloria Bennett, and The World of Islam - Elouise Sanders. District Annual Meeting will be held on October 7 at First Church in West Monroe with lunch being served. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Audrey Milo, Louisiana President of Church Women United. Officers training will be that afternoon. The workshop on Poverty held by Church Women United at a local church in Monroe on September 8 was attended by ladies of our District.

NEW ORLEANS/HOUMA DISTRICT, Lottie Palazzo, District President, reported that the two district presidents called a special nominating committee into existence in order to select a slate of officers for the New Orleans District. Our final Annual Meeting for New Orleans/Houma will be held on Saturday, October 7, at Aurora United Methodist Church, and the organizational Annual Meeting for the New Orleans District will be held the following day at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. She expressed excitement about the transition; and asked for prayers of the Conference and God's guidance and support in this new undertaking. The first executive committee meeting will be held in conjunction with Local Elected Leaders Training at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 18. This will allow our District officers to have participated in District Elected Leaders Training before attempting to lead others.

NEW ORLEANS/SLIDELL DISTRICT - Dr. Marilyn Ray, District President, reviewed the district activities since the last executive committee meeting. Plans for the other District Annual Meeting have been finalized - a grand celebration for the last meeting of the district at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The New Orleans tradition of "turning out" and celebrating our great heritage over the past twelve years will be demonstrated. As a retiring District President, I look forward to the challenge of continuing to serve the Louisiana Conference. She expressed gratitude to those United Methodist Women who have supported, shared, inspired, and challenged her to make the New Orleans/Slidell District as great as it could be. (This report was read in the absence of the District President.)

RUSTON DISTRICT - Elouise Sanders, District President, reported the District had twenty-five persons in attendance at the School of Christian Mission in July - an increase over the past few years. The Mini-School of Missions was held at Brushwood United Methodist Church in Dubberly on August 26 with seventy-two persons in attendance from fifteen local units. Reverend Doug deGraffenreid taught the study on Psalms, Mrs. Gloria Bennett presented the Philippines study; and Elouise Sanders led the study, The Way of Islam. District Annual Meeting and Local Elected leaders Training will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston on October 7.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - Ola McNaughton, District President, reported that the District won the Attendance Banner for having the most members attend the School of Christian Mission - seventy-one representing twenty units. On August 26 a Mini-School was held at Bayou Cie United Methodist Church, the oldest church in our District. On August 28 the second Mini-School was held at Caddo Heights United Methodist Church. Study leaders for both schools were: Reverend Rob Webber - Psalms, Margaret Bryan - Islam, and Ola McNaughton - The Philippines. Mozelle Tiller, Coordinator of Christian Global

Concerns, was in charge and did a fantastic job. The District Annual Meeting will be held on October 14 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She reviewed other activities of the District. She closed her report by saying, "It has been a very rewarding four years for me. I have grown to love and appreciate all of you." (This report was read in the absence of the District President.)

EDITOR - Nancy Carruth reminded the district presidents to see that district secretaries prepare the mailing labels on the sheets provided and to be sure that addresses are correct including zip codes - would like to have labels by December 15.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Seola Callahan, Chairperson, gave the following report:

"There have been no changes in the plans for District Elected Leaders Training since our July meeting. I have a display to set up at Annual Meeting.

I have written letters to the district presidents enclosing forms to be completed with names and addresses of district elected officers and a space to indicate attendance at DELT. I will give these out tonight or tomorrow to the new district presidents along with a DELT flyer for each officers. The forms will need to be returned to me the day of their district annual meeting but no later than October 20.

After I receive the information from the district presidents, I will send each conference officer the names and addresses of their district counterparts so they can correspond with them before DELT.

Conference officers will have one hour on Friday night in small group meetings with related conference and district officers. On Saturday morning each conference officer will have two hours and forty-five minutes to train district officer counterparts.

Sending forth will be at 12:45 p.m., Saturday. District presidents have the option of holding a district meeting following this.

We keep hearing, 'District officers don't know what to do, they don't get the necessary training for the job, conference officers are not visible enough.' This is our opportunity to change all this, but it will take each conference officer making a special effort by being prepared and enthusiastic to do it."

Betty Ferrington made the following requests for District Elected Leaders Training for officer training session on Saturday morning:

- (1) Secretaries and Publicity and Public Relations groups meet together for a newsletter workshop.
- (2) Financial Interpreters and Christian Global Concerns groups meet together to see how they relate to each other.
- (3) Supportive Community and Christian Social Involvement groups meet together to see how they relate to each other.
- (4) Christian Personhood and Program Resources groups meet together part of the time on the Reading Program and how to promote it.



District Elected Leaders Training has been scheduled for October 26 and 27, 1990. Districts are encouraged to plan Local Elected Leaders Training after that date so that local units can receive updated training, etc.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES - Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson, asked that the Addition to Standing Rules (approved 1988) be attached to the Standing Rules as follows:

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(approved additions are underlined)

4. b. Each District Executive Committee shall submit names of at least 3 persons, including UMW experience, to the Conference Nominating Committee for their consideration when making nominations to the Nominating Committee to the UMW Annual Meeting.

Former 4.b. shall become c; former 4.c shall become d, former 4.d shall become e.

She presented the following addition to the Guidelines for Honoraria:

5. The Executive Committee recommends that out-of-town study leaders and speakers who participate in District or local UMW meetings be paid travel expenses at least according to Conference UMW guidelines in addition to any gift or honorarium the unit may choose to present.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the above addition to the Guidelines for Honoraria.

This will be promoted in the Conference and District newsletters. This will be added to instructions at District Elected Leaders Training.

BUSINESS:

#### Assembly

The President distributed registration packets for the 1990 Assembly in Kansas City, May 3-6, 1990. Delegates to the United Methodist Women Assembly in Kansas City are to be chosen from the Conference Executive Committee.

The following delegates were nominated: Norma Winegeart, Betty Ferrington, Seola Callahan, Mary Spell, Lois Heath and Taylor Phillips. Alternates nominated were Georgie Dunbar, Marilyn Ray, and Celina Johnson.

The motion was made by Judy Rountree and seconded by Hilda Sills that nominations cease. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Wilma Crosby and seconded by Judy Rountree that the delegates and alternates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Lueburda Myers discussed the following guidelines for the Jurisdiction Scholarship to Assembly in the amount of \$300.00: (1) recipients are to be local women who have never attended Assembly, (2) one recipient should be 30 years of age or younger, (3) all recipients shall write a brief statement of reflection or impression of the Assembly which shall be returned to Conference President and the Jurisdiction reserves the right to share those reflections, and (4) applications need to be submitted by January 15, 1990.

Districts were reminded that \$400.00 is available to each district for Assembly which may be distributed as the district chooses.

#### Dedication of 1990 Directory and Annual Report

The motion was made by Mary Margaret Barr and unanimously seconded that the 1989-1990 Directory and Annual Report be dedicated to Janelle McCammon. The motion carried unanimously.

Janelle McCammon thanked everyone personally and corporately for four of the most wonderful years of her life and for this honor.

#### 1990 Annual Meeting

The 1990 Annual Meeting will be held in Monroe. The incoming president will make the appointments to the Task Group at the post executive committee meeting following the Annual Meeting.

#### Evaluation Forms

Annual evaluation forms were distributed to district presidents. Five districts had 100% reporting last year and one missed 100% by one unit which could not be contacted. For those districts which have been redistricted, the two district presidents will work together.

#### Louisiana UMW T-Shirts

T-shirts ordered at the School of Christian Mission were distributed. Order forms were given to those wishing to order - this is to be on an individual basis.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Sally W. Turner, Secretary

Examiners: Elouise Sanders  
Alice Irving

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 16, 1989

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Saturday, September 16, 1989, at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, following the close of the Annual Meeting. Retiring and newly elected officers as well as members of appointed committees were in attendance. President Norma Winegeart presided.

Words of appreciation were expressed by the President to the Annual Meeting Task Group and the Local Arrangements Committee under the direction of Alice Story, Chairperson, and Lou Alexander, Assistant Chairperson. A list of names and addresses for local hostesses will be mailed to members of the Executive Committee.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING OFFICERS - Words of commendation and gratitude were expressed to the retiring officers: Janelle McCammon, Sally Turner, Pat Cobb, Hilda Sills, Gladys Revels, Dorothy Dunbar, Mary Margaret Barr, and Dorothy Abraham. District presidents retiring were Winderlean Lewis, Helen Allemond, Marilyn Ray, and Ola McNaughton.

WELCOME TO NEW OFFICERS - The Committee extended a warm welcome to the newly elected officers who will be members of the Executive Committee: Norma Winegeart, President; Seola Callahan, Secretary; Marilyn Ray, Chairperson of Committee on Membership; Gladys Prillerman, Chairperson of Committee on Nominations; and Fannie Reddix, Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. Those re-elected for a second term were Wilma Crosby, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, and Lois Heath, Secretary of Program Resources.

APPOINTMENTS - President Winegeart appointed Joyce Reed as Historian, Nancy Carruth as Editor, and Constance Abraham Handy as Chairperson, Committee on Standing Rules. A list of the committee appointments were distributed and favorably voted upon. The new district presidents are Acadiana District - Dorothy Dunbar; Alexandria District - Esther Sanson; North Shore District - Dorothy Pearce; and Shreveport District - Betty Turner.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT - Marilyn Ray and Fannie Reddix will be attending this event in December and detailed arrangements will be forthcoming.

CALENDARS - A calendar of events was given to each officer.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Plans are being finalized for this event scheduled for November 3 & 4, 1989, at Tall Timbers.

CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS - T-shirts can be ordered by groups through district presidents who have order forms. This is optional and for anyone who wants to purchase.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Sally Turner, Secretary



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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
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CHILDREN: OUR FUTURE TODAY

To the singing of the Hymn, "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty", a processional of conference officers, program personnel and children entered the sanctuary. The children carried flowers and placed them on the altar.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 15, 1989, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. President Janelle McCammon convened the meeting and presided.

The President led the assembly in affirming the purpose of United Methodist Women in unison as follows:

The organized unit of United Methodist women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

(Discipline: Paragraph 262.5, Article 3)

WELCOME - Welcomes were given to those in attendance by Reverend Kenneth R. Reed, Pastor of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church; Alice Irving, President of the Baton Rouge/Hammond District; Frances Pearce, President of the Broadmoor Unit of United Methodist Women; and Linda Powell, Chairman of Local Arrangements.

Special guests and visitors who were recognized were Kathleen Guy, Rena Sandidge Scott, and Sue C. Johnson. Past presidents in attendance were Inez Christentery, Estelle Dameron, Janet Hoffpauir, Elizabeth McGowen, and Amy Ward. Jerry Bridges of MacDonell's United Methodist Children's Services and Todd Soileau, President of the Youth of Louisiana, were introduced.

Todd Soileau was one of two youths in the Louisiana Conference who traveled on a Mission of Peace to the USSR last July. Jamie Crowley was the other. He spoke briefly about this experience and expressed gratitude to United Methodist Women who helped make the trip possible.

OPENING WORSHIP - Reverend Carolyn Brannon, currently serving Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech University, led the following worship as outlined:

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDREN

Call to Worship

Leader: Come. O children of the the living God.

PEOPLE: WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

ALL: MAY OUR DEEDS FOLLOW OUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN TRUE WORSHIP  
OF GOD, PARENT AND SUSTAINER OF US ALL.

Hymn of Praise "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Affirmation of Faith: WE BELIEVE IN GOD WHO COMES TO US IN THE TRUE MAN JESUS AND WHO ENABLES OUR DISCIPLESHIP IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD·HOLY SPIRIT. WE BELIEVE WE ARE CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO THE GOSPEL, NOT ALONE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, BUT ALSO TO THE DEPTHS OF OUR COMMON LIFE AND WORK. WE AFFIRM "CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHTS TO FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, HEALTH CARE, AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AS DO ADULTS, AND THESE RIGHTS WE AFFIRM AS THEIR REGARDLESS OF ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. IN PARTICULAR, CHILDREN MUST BE PROTECTED FROM ECONOMIC AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION." (adapted from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church-Preamble and Rights of Children)

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:13-16

Meditation: "Light a Candle, Lord" - In summary, Jesus was on the way to the cross when the incident with the children took place. Jesus needed those children as much as they needed him. Jesus calls us to be as little children. Many children in our world are suffering and we cannot eliminate it all - but there are two things which can be done - first pray the prayer "Light a candle within my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from my dwelling place" and second, go home and love your family.

Prayer of Intercession for Children

Hymn of Dedication - "Jesus Loves Me".

LIGHTING OF THE MISSION CANDLE - A. B. Clark and Marianne Beck gave the following presentation:

"Today we have come to celebrate and this annual gathering of United Methodist Women is something to celebrate. But we are also here to celebrate the past -- by remembering friends who lived not just for their day, but with hearts and minds tuned to the future. We are here to celebrate the present -- by honoring women who certainly are not living just for today, but with hearts full of hopes and dreams. As we look at yesterdays, it is not with sadness or sentiment alone, and as we look at today, it is not with complacency or despair, but we look at yesterday with love and gratitude for the wonderful dedication and commitment that marked those lives and we look at today with eyes wide open to the sadness and despair that fills so many lives, and often causes us to ask 'What's there to celebrate?'

Bishop Melvin Wheatley asks this question much more eloquently than I: 'What is there to celebrate in the the midst of affluence, if you are poor? in the midst of family reunions, when you are alone? in the midst of love, when you feel rejected? What is there to celebrate about the sparkling eyes of children when you are trying to deal with the deep scars of your own childhood? about angel choruses of peace on earth when you are haunted by headlines of

rising military expenditures? about preacher-talk of 'good will on earth' when you have just lost your job?

Bishop Wheatley continues, 'often in a world of so many tears, what we celebrate is not a heritage of undiluted happiness, but indomitable hope.'

So, that is what we do today -- we celebrate the future with hearts full of hopes and dreams. As Marilyn Oden says in her book The Courage to Care, 'to have a dream is to hope, for if we have hope, there is the possibility of creating the dream.' Mrs. Oden quotes Thoreau as affirming our right to dream: 'If you advance confidently in the direction of your dream,' Thoreau writes, 'you will meet with success unexpected in common hours. If you have built sandcastles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put a foundation under them.'

That is what we are about today. This beautiful light represents undesignated giving that puts a foundation to our dream -- a dream that puts new hope into today -- that our children and their children might be given the chance to dream their own dreams.

So what's there to celebrate? (Over \$9,268.00 was collected for the mission candle which will allow it to burn approximately four hours and twenty-four minutes at a cost of \$36.41 per minute for mission.) As Marianne lights our Mission Candle, listen again to Bishop Wheatley's words: 'A child was born in a world as violent as ours. That child became a man who died a violent, tortured death. Yet that infant grown to adulthood still strides across the minds and into the hearts of millions as the Man with hope. When we join him, he teaches us what there is to celebrate: Not a world that has in it nothing but good, but a world that is good, while having in it much that is bad; not a life that knows no darkness, but a life in which even those who walk in darkness have seen a great light; not a God who gives us everything we want, but a God who gives us everything we have, and offers us all we need, now and forever. Praise be to God! Amen.'

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM - Alice Story and Lou Alexander gave the following presentation:

"'Twas the night before Annual Meeting, when under our steeple  
No one was sleeping -- not mouses or people.

No, we were too busy to slumber in bed,  
There were flowers to arrange and sandwiches to spread!

You see, Summer was past, with time we could fritter,  
'Twas time for the meeting -- and we all had the jitters.

The harvest moon floated over Broadmoor in slumber  
But Sandy still counted -- what is the final number?

And Mariece was so worried, she had cookies by the dozen  
Coming in from each unit and from aunts and from cousins!

And Connie, poor Connie, has grown thinner and thinner  
While planning the food for our Friday night dinner.



She wants to serve tea, but what if it turns murky --  
And what if those hundreds of women just cannot stand turkey?  
There's no end to the things that worried sweet Linda,  
Like 'should we ask Jean to wash all the windows?'

Lou just called to say she'd be late.  
She had six hundred programs yet to collate!

And Alice had hundreds of details on her brain  
Like getting everyone in if the Lord lets it rain!

And she won't even mention the word 'hurricane'  
No, she won't even think it or call it by name!

Oh, yes, we all worried and scurried around  
Our brows were all furrowed, we all wore a frown --

When what to our wondering eyes should appear  
But a beautiful angel -- in vision so clear!

She spoke not at first, just watched with concern  
While we hustled and bustled and energy burned,  
Then removing her halo, and detaching her wings,  
She rolled up her sleeves and just took over things!

She called to her helpers, 'Come quickly to me!  
Come Linda, and Judy, and Pat and Mariece!

Come Irene and Cynthia, Come, Come everyone!  
No one can sleep 'till this meeting is done!

Without saying a word she went straight to the kitchen,  
Made chicken salad sandwiches, likety-spliten!

Her cinnamon rolls were something to taste  
She made lemonade by the gallon with the greatest of haste!

We vacuumed the carpet and dusted the pews  
And tuned the piano till it sounded like new.

We sang as we worked now -- our hearts were much lighter,  
The angel's appearance made the outlook seem brighter!

She led us to see we had nothing to fear  
Especially now with no hurricanes near!

Before we all knew it, the work was all done  
It wasn't so hard -- it really was fun!

Check over the list now, make sure no one's missing,  
We barely could wait for the huggin' and kissin'!

Has Rena arrived? And what of Kathleen?  
An Judith and Carolyn? Has Sally been seen?

She checked every name, every Mary and Betty  
Till she felt very sure that we were quite ready,  
Said, 'Say Hello to Janelle, and give her my love,'  
as she put on her halo and hovered above,

But before she was gone, she called out this greeting  
'Blessings on all at your Annual Meeting!'

So, if you should hear a faint flutter of wings  
A very slight whisper or similar thing,  
Do not be alarmed, Don't dare scream or sob,  
It's our dear Guardian Angel, still on the job!"

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - President Janelle McCammon gave the following report to the Annual Meeting:

"As I began to think of this report - which includes both a look backward and a look forward - two phrases kept coming into my mind. Therefore Rejoice! and For Such a Time as This! You will recognize the first as the title of last year's program resources book and the second as the title of the latest report of the Women's Division. It seems to me that these phrases are very fitting as we look briefly at the accomplishments of the past and look toward the challenges of the future.

So today we REJOICE that we have gained 771 new members in United Methodist Women during the past year. We also increased in district members and in membership of young women. This is not a net gain, and we will have to work very hard to reach our goal of 13,500 members by the end of 1990. We are still striving for a unit of United Methodist Women in every church. Seven new units have been organized within the past twelve months and twenty-five during the past four years. We have also had a number of reorganizations. We express our gratitude to you who have made all of this possible - to the 12,474 members of 336 local units, the 9 district organizations, the conference team, and to Pat Cobb who has done such an outstanding job as Chairperson of the Committee on Membership.

REJOICE that this year we had 91% reporting from local units. This is a record, and I thank you for it, because now we have a much clearer picture of our accomplishments. It is exciting to know that Methodist women are continuing to study in ever increasing numbers with 472 studies reported by local units. Fifty-nine of these fulfilled the requirements for excellence of study and twenty-six for participation in study. We need to work to do much more. We have 147 Bible Study Groups and 80 units participating in the Reading Program. Our School of Christian Mission in July had 302 in attendance, the largest number in several years. THEREFORE REJOICE at the increase in study, in attendance, in the use of program resources, and in more than 1100 subscriptions to Response.

REJOICE, too, that 249 churches throughout Louisiana observed United Methodist Women's Sunday and that the Monroe District had 100% participation.

REJOICE that Louisiana Conference overpaid its pledge to mission in 1988 by \$28,000 and gave a total to mission of \$341,337. Our undesignated pledge this year is \$300,000, and I am confident that we will meet this, for we are increasing our pledges and giving more special recognition gifts to honor those who render outstanding service in our units and districts. We are also using the new Gift to Mission cards and the Gift in Memory cards. Last year 188 units participated in World Thank Offering Month in October. In the newsletter which you received announcing Annual Meeting there is a

new brochure for the observance of 31-derful Ways to Give Thanks revised by Judy Rountree and Betty Ferrington. I urge every unit to make use of this splendid opportunity to grow in spirit as we concentrate during the month of October on expressing gratitude for our many blessings and in sharing with those less fortunate. Gifts of money represent the concern and commitment of those who give and these gifts make possible the wonderful work that is done in thousands of mission projects in the United States and throughout the world. The Women's Division's recent gift to rebuild Dulac Community Center - \$440,000 - came from your undesignated gifts and gifts to other women throughout the United States. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Hubert Blanchard, our member from Louisiana on the General Board of Global Ministries who is also serving on the Women's Division, and to Bishop Oden for their efforts in securing this gift for Dulac.

We have yet another reason to REJOICE. As Methodists and as United Methodist Women we have a heritage that proclaims that Christian commitment demands both personal piety and social responsibility. This is a heritage which we must constantly defend and never forsake! Since their earliest beginnings, the organizations of Methodist women have spoken out against injustice and oppression and have been risk-takers in working for needed changes in structures and institutions. Last year our units throughout the state had 740 programs in areas of human and social justice with 210 actions reported following study. As I look at this record, I am convinced that we are taking seriously our responsibility for Christian action in society.

The words of Mordecai to Queen Esther echo through the ages and come to us: 'Yet who knows - maybe it was FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS that you are called into the kingdom.'

In her message as new president of Women's Division, Mrs. Sally Ernst wrote: 'Like Esther, the foremothers of our present organization were called to make hard choices and to speak out about injustices that existed. They worked to secure good laws that prevented the abuses of child labor. They campaigned for women's right to vote. They worked for racial justice and equal rights for women. They worked at a time when it was not considered appropriate for women to be involved in issues and social change.

But our sisters were aware that it was for times like this in the mission of the church that the involvement was crucial!'

We as United Methodist Women today are called FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. We are called to Campaign for Children to an extent and in ways that we have never done before. Most of us are not truly aware of the critical conditions and serious needs of children in this land of ours - or even in our own communities and state. But we will be aware when this meeting is over.

In our state of Louisiana, blessed by God with so much beauty and so many natural resources, there are conditions that are seriously affecting the lives of our children today and, unless corrected, will surely jeopardize their future. One child in every five in Louisiana lives in poverty. Many, many children face health hazards resulting from our polluted environment - cancer alleys, toxic waste



dumps. Our land, our wetlands are being destroyed, and there are constant assaults upon the moral climate of this state that are insidious and demoralizing. These are just some of the issues before us. For the sake of our children, the Campaign for Children in Louisiana must include participation in decision making - by voice, by vote, by involvement. God calls us FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS - to let our voices be heard, our votes to be counted, our actions to speak loudly in the struggle for good against evil, for right against wrong, for justice against injustice, for life against death.

One other challenge FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS is yet before us. In the year 1952 the Women's Division first ratified the Charter for Racial Justice. Today we are called to a new emphasis on that policy and to further implementation of it. We have come a long way in our efforts to achieve racial justice, but we still have far to go. There is no magic formula, but there is a way. And what is that way? Jesus shows it to us and commands us to walk in it. He still says to us, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The biblical word for this kind of love is agape, which has been defined as active good will - desiring and working for the same good for others that we want for ourselves - the same rights, the same opportunities, the same justice. Agape is God's love in us reaching out in sisterhood and brotherhood to all God's family. There is no other way - and United Methodist Women for many years have been called to walk in it. I pray that in the years ahead, each of us, as individuals, and all of us together will walk, intentionally, to answer that call.

As we come to this annual meeting, I want to say to you that these four years have been among the most exciting and challenging of my life. I am inexpressibly grateful for the privilege that has been mine in serving as your president, of working with the wonderful mission teams of the conference, district, and local units. It has been such a special joy to renew old friendships throughout this state and to make many new friends, to go into your local units and districts and to see the marvelous work that is being done there. And, again, I repeat that which I have so often said, 'Without you, the local woman, nothing would be accomplished. You are the heartbeat of United Methodist Women.'

As we look together at our goals for the future, I have great hope, for I have great faith in the power of God working through you and great faith in your commitment to Him and to the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Today we will elect splendid, dedicated leaders for the tasks ahead, and we will trust Jesus' promise that He will be with us in all that we strive to do for Him. God's call throughout the ages has been to serve. My prayer for all of us is that we will continue to be faithful servants, obedient to God's call and empowered by His Love. God bless you, every one!"

ANTHEM - "Celebrate the Good News" by Tom Mitchell was presented by the Broadmoor Women's Ensemble - Wayne Millet, Director.

BUSINESS SESSION:

APPOINTMENTS - Elouise Sanders and Alice Irving were appointed to examine the journal of the Annual Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS - Sally Turner, Conference Secretary, presented the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

Delegates to the United Methodist Women Assembly in Kansas City in May 3-6, 1990, are to be chosen from the Conference Executive Committee. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to elect the following delegates and alternates:

Delegates - Norma Winegeart, Betty Ferrington, Seola Callahan, Mary Spell, Lois Heath, and Taylor Phillips.

Alternates - Georgie Dunbar, Marilyn Ray, and Celina Johnson.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Mary Spell presented the following report:

"In the book of Matthew Jesus taught that we should feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, receive the lonely as our friends, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit those in prison. Often we feel we have done none of these. For the year 1988 you overpaid your \$250,000.00 Pledge to Mission by \$28,046.91. This enabled children in Latin America to smile again, brought wool sweaters to the cold mountainous area of India, fresh water to portions of Mazambique, and aided in prison reform in our country.

For 1989 we pledged \$300,000.00 and to date have paid 38% of this pledge. We have used 63% of the Administrative and Membership Development budgeted funds. There is a current balance in the checking account of \$25,201.59. Also, we have a Certificate of Deposit for future programming.

As we look to 1990 and continue to share the goal of Women's Division of twenty-four million, your Executive Committee is proposing that our Pledge to Mission be \$315,000.00 - our actual share in the twenty-four million would be \$323,000.00 so that is our goal. The Administrative and Membership Development budget is proposed for \$51,545.00 making a total of \$366,545.00.

The following budget for 1990 was presented and adopted:

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
1990 BUDGET

<u>PLEDGE TO MISSION</u>	\$315,000.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:</u>	
A. Travel Expenses: Mileage, lodging, insurance for Executive Committee inconference events	\$ 6,150.00
B. Officer Resources: Service Center Mailing, etc.	100.00
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	14,045.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	3,150.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	4,000.00
2. Conference	7,500.00
F. Programs and Events within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00
2. District Elected Leaders Training	4,000.00
3. Church Related Meetings	400.00
4. Retreat Committee	100.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1990 (Cumulative 4 years) (Includes \$100 for each district)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1992 (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1991 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
H. Operating Expenses:	
1. Conference Directory	1,000.00
2. Newsletter	4,000.00
3. Postage	700.00
4. Office Supplies & Copying	500.00
5. Telephone	500.00
6. Audit	500.00
7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I. Church Women United, Louisiana	<u>250.00</u>
Total A & MD Budget for 1990	<u>51,545.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET</u>	<u>\$366,545.00</u>



By participation in the World Thank Offering using 31-derful Ways to Say Thanks and each unit increasing Special Mission Recognitions, Gifts to Mission and Pledges, this budget can be paid. Jesus said, 'As you did it not to one of the least of these, you did not to me.'"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Pat Cobb, Chairperson, announced that the United Methodist Women's Sunday scrapbook is on display on a table near the registration tables and asked those interested to browse it. She stated that reporting has grown from 148 to 219 in four years noting that many other units have celebrated but not reported having done so. Certificates of organization were presented to seven new units as follows: Grand River in the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District, Hackberry and Roanoke in the Lake Charles District, Bayou Blue and Belle Chasse in the New Orleans/Houma District, Wesley Chapel in the Ruston District, and Jewella in the Shreveport District.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Hilda Sills, Chairperson, presented the following nominees for officers and the term of office:

President	Norma Winegeart	2 years
Secretary	Seola Callahan	2 years
Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns	Wilma Crosby	2 years
Secretary of Program Resources	Lois Heath	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Membership	Marilyn Ray	2 years
Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations	Fannie Reddix	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Gladys Prillerman	1 year
Members, Committee on Nominations	Betty Adams	3 years
	Sylvia Redman	3 years
	Kathryn Shea	3 years

ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS - There were no nominations from the floor and all nominees were elected by acclamation.

BREAK - A twenty minute break was taken to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

UMW SINGS - Informal singing was led by Judy Zollinger.

GREETINGS FROM THE JURISDICTION -

Mrs. Rena Sandidge Scott, a member of the Core Planning Group for the South Central Jurisdiction, brought greeting from the Jurisdiction. She reviewed the connectional strength of the 5 jurisdictions, 73 conferences, 529 districts and more than 25,000 local units of United Methodist Women. South Central Jurisdiction has 17 conferences in 8 states - 122 districts, 4,422 units, and 209,637 members. She distributed a map showing Women's Division Staff Assigned to Regions - Louisiana is in the Nashville Region. She announced

a South Central Jurisdiction Experience for local women to be held November 9-11, 1990 (the site has not been determined) with the theme, "Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission!" This is a leadership development emphasis for the local unit to claim the heritage of women in the church organized for mission as a basis for understanding and expanding concepts of mission appropriate for current needs. Designed to be educational and motivational, this emphasis will utilize creative programming as a means of interpreting and sharing concepts of mission. The Quadrennial Meeting in 1992 will be April 3-5 in Dallas, Texas, at the Fairmont Hotel.

Sue C. Johnson, Regional Representative of Women's Division assigned to the Nashville Region, brought greetings from the Scarritt/Bennett Center in Nashville and summarized what United Methodist Women are and what they are about - the underlying purpose is to tell the story of Jesus Christ. One of the strengths is funding - especially when given undesignated. United Methodist Women is a \$19,000,000 corporation but our program is never forgotten in our retreats, mission studies, leadership training programs, and events. She reviewed plans for Assembly for worship and celebration.

HONORING RETIRING OFFICERS - Estelle Dameron, beloved past president of the Louisiana Conference, made the following presentation:

"The women whom we will be honoring today as retiring officers, in their years of service, have given their fullest measures of their talents to the responsibilities for which they were elected. If you, as individuals, could greet each of them and, as a body, you would want to say all the words of commendation you could think of. Even more importantly the heavenly father looks upon on these women and says, 'Well done, good and faithful servants.' Good in this case means devotion and faithful - full of faith. I call forward the following: Janelle McCammon, President; Sally Turner, Secretary; Pat Cobb, Chairperson of Committee on Membership; Hilda Sills, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations; Gladys Revels and Dorothy Dunbar, Members of the Committee on Nominations; Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson of Committee on Standing Rules; and Dorothy Abraham, Historian.

This is a special time - we call it retirement but I would like to name it exodus time - a going out and going on. If you questioned each of these women today, I think they would tell you where they have been. They would be able to share with you challenges that have come to them and responsibilities of which they were unaware. They would be able to share opportunities which have come their way for growth and development. They could tell you about long hours of study and work in which they are engaged to fulfill their responsibilities. They would rejoice with you in the wonderful fellowship that is United Methodist Women. Now is the time for going out and going on. One thing for sure, retirement is not a destination - retirement is a wait station, at time to wait for God's next call. You were called to become a participant in creation - you heard the call and responded.

The Conference in appreciation of the work you have done and of the leadership you have given wants to recognize each of you and express it by the presentation of a Special Mission Recognition Pin representing a gift to mission in your honor."

INTRODUCTION OF INTEREST GROUP LEADERS - Alice Story introduced the interest group leaders for the session, OF INTEREST TO YOU. Those in attendance had been assigned to the group of their choice at registration.

New Hymnal Sing A-Long - Wayne Millet

Parenting: Walking a Balance Beam - Carolyn Ellender

Stress: How Much Is Too Much - Dr. Marian Wood

People Working for Peace - Marian Selbin & Panel from Peace Links

Volunteers in Mission - Reverend Bob Bowling and Bliss Spillar

Laughter: Our Best Medicine - Frances Spain

Dinner was served in the gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment was provided by the Broadmoor Women's Ensemble.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with the singing of the Hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing."

THEME SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER - Lou Alexander read the theme scripture - Mark 10:14, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God," and voiced a prayer for the children of the world.

ANTHEM - The Women's Ensemble and the Children's Liturgical Dance Choir presented "O Be Joyful, O Be Jubilant" by Sleeth.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER - Betty Ferrington introduced Kathleen Guy who is currently serving as a director of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. and has worked closely with Women's Division on the Campaign for Children.

ADDRESS - Kathleen Guy gave a challenging message. The following are excerpts:

"I would like to begin with a quote from Theresa Hoover of Women's Division - 'In general our predecessors did not claim leadership on the basis of exceptional gifts nor were they called to the preaching ministry. Anyone who knows the history of United Methodist Women must know why we are involved in the Campaign for Children. The Campaign is a continuation and an update of our historical concern for children. Though that door has been opened through their own efforts - instead they were inspired to meet the combined evangelical, physical, and social needs of the marginal people - especially women and children who could not be reached by male missionaries abroad and who were ignored by church and society at home. They did this chiefly by establishing mission institutions staffed by women.'

Too many American children are growing up poor, under-nourished, under-educated, and with little hope for a better future. Statistics demonstrate the national neglect of children. Statistics can shock and overwhelm us but I did come to bring you a message of hope for our children. However, there is little hope for our children in need until we as Christians and citizens of this nation think of the faces behind the numbers and until we feel the depth of pain and suffering endured by so many of our children who don't deserve and



can't possibly understand it or until we realize that each of us can make a difference for children - there is little hope.

There is hope. I think we must first look to children themselves. Hope for a new kind of world wrapped in our children. They are the gift of hope. Second, there is hope because we have a strong case to make for increasing our investment in children and families. Third, because we all gathered here today, there is hope for children.

In the 4th chapter of Mark, Jesus tells the parable of the seeds which exemplifies what can happen to our children. What must we all do to insure that our children grow and yield a good harvest? How do we plant children in good soil so that they grow roots that are not dried out when the sun rises and not choked by the thorn bushes of the world? The first seed we must plant is the seed of understanding. It is not until we understand the problem and feel the urgency of the problem that we can adequately respond. So the United Methodist Women's Campaign for Children provides resources for you to take back to your local units and congregations to learn more about the needs of children in your congregation, in your community, state and nation. The second seed is caring - a life line to offer to our children and young people. There must be caring. The third seed is courage - to speak out on priorities. This can be uncomfortable but must be done. We can speak out from our hearts when we are informed. Finally, we must plant the seed of belief that every person can make a difference for one child or for millions.

Reflect on what has been done - think of how your local unit can respond. There is no end to the opportunities or no end to the faith and enthusiasm that you have. There is recourse before you and there is history of United Methodist Women behind you and there is commitment that each of you brings. So I encourage you to pledge to yourself and to God that within your unit this year to make a difference for children."

HYMN - "God, That Madest Earth and Heaven"

BENEDICTION - Dr. George W. C. Calvin

CHORAL BENEDICTION - Broadmoor's Women's Ensemble

The Saturday session of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting convened at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. After the prelude, the session began with UMW Sings led by Judy Zollinger.

MORNING WORSHIP - Reverend Carol Susan Winn reminded us that not only are we called the children of God but that we are the children of God. The following are excerpts from her meditation:

"Remember they brought little children to Jesus. He was on the way to the cross when this incident with the children happened. Jesus needed the children as much as they needed Jesus. Jesus was always concerned about children. Jesus calls us to be as little children. Most of us have been loved and nurtured by our families from birth. There is a basic trust that is developed from the

loving, touching and caring by parents and friends - this is needed to grow up into health, strong adults - free to be and to become. Everyone in the world needs someone who cares about and cherishes them and to whom they are special. Many children in America today are growing up without the basic foundation of trust and someone who cares for them. Many children are unwanted and unprovided for and certainly not cherished. We must identify with the deprived and abused children. 'Light a candle within my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from my dwelling place.' The church has the responsibility to introduce children to our first parent, God. How great is the love of Our God that we should be called the children of God. Such is the bond between the Creator and the child. This is the message that the church has to be given to the children of the world. We need to love other children as we love our own. We have the good news to tell to them."

Reverend Winn closed with An Affirmation for Children of God:

Everyone has within--what shall I call it?--a piece of Good News!

EVERYONE IS VERY GREAT, VERY IMPORTANT CHARACTER.

Yes. That's what we have to tell one another.

EVERYONE MUST BE PERSUADED, EVEN IF IN RAGS, THAT SHE, THAT HE, IS IMMENSELY, IMMENSELY IMPORTANT!

Everyone must respect him and make him respect himself too.

THEY MUST LISTEN TO HER ATTENTIVELY. DON'T STAND ON TOP OF HER. DON'T STAND IN HER LIGHT.

But look at him with deference. Give him great, great hopes; he needs them.

YES, THAT'S WHAT'S NEEDED. DON'T YOU SEE? JUST THAT! NOTHING ELSE MATTERS HALF SO MUCH...

To reassure one another. To answer each other. Perhaps only you can listen to me and not laugh.

EVERYONE HAS WITHIN--WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?--  
A PIECE OF GOOD NEWS!                      --Ugobetti (alt.)

Hymn - "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" was sung by the Congregation.

Karen Story Phillips, Soprano, sang a solo, "Alleluia".

PLEDGE SERVICE - Judy Rountree, Secretary for Financial Interpretation, led the following pledge service:

#### TO GIVE VOICE TO THE VOICELESS

United Methodist Women was born of the need to minister to children. This has been a mandate that has been honored in a special way throughout our history. While seeking to nurture and care for the voiceless children of the world, we have been faithful to Christ's

instructions to let the children come for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

As Theresa Hoover says, 'Who can look in the face of a child, any child, and not remember that that is a reminder that God, the Creator, has not despaired of humanity. Whether parent, grandparent, aunt or simply a responsible adult, each of us is called to give voice to the voiceless in our midst -- children!'

Parents are the most important people in children's lives. When someone or some agency threatens their well-being, they look to parents first for support. Whether and how you act not only gets (or fails to get) children what they need, but it teaches them how to gain confidence in you and in themselves. It also teaches what their rights and responsibilities as citizens and individuals are. As their parents, you know more about your children than anyone else. They need you to exercise that knowledge when crucial decisions about them are being made.

The Acadiana District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy and monetary gifts.

Hundreds of thousands of children do not have parents or do not live with their parents. Many millions of children are growing up in families struggling to survive poverty or with single and teenage parents who may need the extra support of other caring adults and community institutions.

The Alexandria District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy and monetary gifts.

For children, the consequences of poverty, discrimination, and mistreatment are not simply 'unfair' or 'unequal'. They are often tragic and expensive outcomes for the nation as a whole. For example, it costs more to treat complications and neglect of infections -- like brain damage, deafness, and blindness -- than it does to give immunizations and other preventive health care. Each child needs the assurance of growing up to be healthy, productive members of society.

The Baton Rouge District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, monetary gifts.

You can make important advances in voicing what you want for your family's and community's lives thereby affecting children around the world. Speak out on behalf of your children and you can begin to gain the confidence, skills and power to control more of the quality of life children have. It will not happen in a week or a month, or even a year, but it is an ongoing mission.

The Lake Charles District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.

By standing up for children you begin to address larger social and economic problems affecting your life and that of others. As you begin to understand and stand up to correct children's problems, you will begin to see how their hunger, abuse, poor education, ill health, poverty, and handicaps are often caused or made worse by broader social and economic policies and practices. You may think



you can't do anything about these things but by focusing on how they hurt children, you can begin to make changes that will have ripple effects.

**The Monroe District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.**

To be the voice of children means speaking up about the thousands of children who suffer brain damage because they eat the lead paint chips from walls. Ultimately this will involve improving the health-care system, the housing available to families, and the jobs and income available to families so they are not forced to live in housing that threatens their children's lives. These in turn force us to confront national investment priorities which leave so many children with inadequate housing or homeless.

**The New Orleans District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.**

Unless we act to protect our children, thousands will continue to die young every year. Poverty kills an American child every 53 minutes. We are tied for last place among 20 industrialized nations in keeping our babies alive in the first year of life. The black infant mortality rate is almost twice the rate for white children.

**The North Shore District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.**

Unless we act to protect our children, hundreds of thousands will go hungry and without needed nutrition. The Physicians' Task Force on Hunger in America estimated in 1985 that malnutrition affects almost 500,000 U.S. children. 3.4 million pregnant women, infants, and young children go without the nutrition supplements of the WIC program for which they are eligible. Hundreds of thousands will become parents too soon. About one million teenage girls get pregnant each year, and almost half a million babies are born to teenagers.

**The Ruston District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.**

Unless we act to protect our children, hundreds of thousands will grow up without decent shelter. More than 20 percent of the population in homeless shelters are children, not including those in runaway shelters. Families with children make up about 30 percent of the homeless population; in many major cities the number is closer to 50 percent. Hundreds of thousands will drop out of school. Every year, about 700,000 students at the ninth-grade level or above drop out of school. Those living in shelters will have only a piece-meal education.

**The Shreveport District pledges to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and monetary gifts.**

Children are not a special interest group. They are our moral responsibility as well as our future. It is up to all of us to see that none of them are robbed of their God-given human potential. Their nutrition, education, health care, and protection cannot be a

part of the "balancing of competing interests" that government does. We all must assume the responsibility for seeing to it that their young lives are protected and nurtured for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

As United Methodist Women of Louisiana Conference, we pledge to give voice to the voiceless through prayer, advocacy, and a monetary gift of \$315,000.

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LOUISIANA CROSSLINES - Reverend Elizabeth Irvine, Presbyterian minister, was trained in the area of urban ministry - working with churches in transitional communities. Louisiana Crosslines was created about three years ago dealing with a program or a way in which the resources of the United Methodist Church could be put to use to help women and children in poverty. She reported on the "State of Poverty in Our State" highlighting the various ways that Methodist churches have responded to the needs of poor children. She outlined areas where we need to concentrate our research and program (child care, teen pregnancy, literacy and job training). She lifted up several stories as models for others' inspiration and replication.

#### PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION -

United Methodist Women honored Reverend Karen Davis who was ordained an elder in the Conference. President McCammon announced that a gift had been made for mission in her name and a Special Mission Recognition Pin was presented to her with our pledge to support her with our love and our prayers in her ministry.

Gratitude and praise were expressed to those who have given of their time and effort for this Annual Meeting. Special Mission Recognition Pins were presented and gifts to mission have been made in honor of Alice Story, Chairperson, and Lou Alexander, Assistant Chairperson, for Annual Meeting.

AGENDA FOR CHILDREN - Miss Judith Watts, Director for the Agenda for Children, presented the following ways for becoming advocates for children:

1. Sponsor a child or several children in a day care center.
2. Send post cards regarding child care legislation.
3. Help provide for poor pregnant women with prenatal care.
4. Volunteer to help stop and prevent child abuse.
5. Assume that the child is telling the truth about child abuse - be a court watcher.
6. Understand how poverty and racism are ruining our children's lives.
7. Read books - a good one is Within Our Reach by Lynn Shore which is about programs that do work.
8. Watch the State Government to develop a child care plan - protect the rights of children.
9. Give something up to help - time, money or sleep.

She closed by asking us to pray for God's grace, pray for the ability,

the strength, the courage, and the endurance to be a child advocate. Take one step and then the next step - and know that each step we take makes a difference. Each step encourages others to walk with us.

ABOUT THE OFFERING - Mary Spell, Treasurer, announced that the offering from this Annual Meeting will be given to mission dedicated for work with children.

OFFERTORY - Karen Story Phillips, Soprano, sang the "Prayer of St. Francis" by Pote.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION - Sandra Ainsworth, Registrar, reported a total registration of 544.

INSTALLATION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS - Marilyn Oden conducted the installation service for those who are continuing in office (second term) and for newly elected officers. Those being installed were: President - Norma Winegeart; Secretary - Seola Callahan; Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns - Wilma Crosby; Secretary of Program Resources - Marilyn Ray; Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations - Fannie Reddick; Chairperson of Committee on Nominations - Gladys Prillerman; and Members of the Committee on Nominations - Betty Adams, Sylvia Redman and Kathryn Shea. The installation is summarized as follows:

"On hearing the Centenary Choir sing, 'Wind Beneath My Wings', I thought of my little friend named Joey. He was an abused child and I wondered about wind beneath his wings. Then I remember the scripture, 'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for such is the kingdom of God.' How will Joey and other children in the world know of the good news of Jesus if nobody tells them? How will they know if they do not have the opportunity to be introduced to the church? How are they going to know that they are loved and cherished by God if no one shares the good news? My prayer for you who are about to be installed as officers, you who are continuing as officers, and for all of us who are members of United Methodist Women is that we, each of us, will be a voice of God's love to the children, care for them, and be their advocates."

Each officer was asked to affirm her acceptance of responsibility and commitment. Other Conference officers were asked to join those newly installed. The ceremony closed with the congregation standing and pledging support and fellowship for the Conference leadership and each other.

INVITATION TO 1990 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING - an invitation was extended by First United Methodist Church in Monroe to host the 1990 Annual Meeting. The invitation was accepted.

The Annual Meeting of 1989 officially asked that a get well message be sent to Mrs. Virginia Laskey.

President McCammon presented the president's gavel to President-Elect Norma Winegeart. Norma responded with a quote from a study group leader at the School of Christian Mission that "God has a plan for all of us and it is for each of us to find out what that plan is." She stated, "I never thought that I was to be Conference President of United Methodist Women but I trust it



is God's plan and I covet your prayers and your help."

#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today.  
And some to praise from thankful hearts,  
And some 'Thy kingdom come' to pray,  
Keep silence, let Him speak anew to waiting hearts -- perhaps to you."

ORGAN PRELUDE

"All Glory Be To God on High" (Bach)

MOMENTS OF FELLOWSHIP

Janelle McCammon

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
AND ALSO WITH YOU.  
The risen Christ is with us!  
PRAISE BE TO GOD!

PRAYER (in unison)

O GOD OUR FATHER, BEFORE YOU OUR WHOLE LIVES ARE EXPOSED, AND ALL  
OUR NEEDS ARE KNOWN. BE AT WORK IN OUR LIVES. WIPE OUT ALL OUR OLD  
SECRETS AND WRONG DESIRES, SO THAT WE MAY PERFECTLY LOVE YOU AND  
TRULY WORSHIP YOU, IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

OUR FATHER, MAY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE COME TO RESPECT AND TO LOVE YOU.  
MAY YOU RULE IN EVERY PERSON AND IN ALL OF LIFE. GIVE US, DAY BY  
DAY, THE THINGS OF LIFE WE NEED. FORGIVE US OUR SINS, FOR WE FORGIVE  
EVERYONE WHO HAS DONE US WRONG. LET NOTHING TEST US BEYOND OUR  
STRENGTH. SAVE US FROM OUR WEAKNESS, FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND  
THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Dr. Kenneth Reed

Friends, if you sincerely turn your back on your sins; if you want  
to live in love and peace with everyone; if you desire to lead a new  
life doing God's will from now on; then prepare to come forward in  
faith to receive this sacrament. Now let us make our peace with  
God, confident of his forgiveness, by joining in this prayer of  
confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O GOD, WE ADMIT THAT WE HAVE DONE MANY WRONG AND WICKED THINGS. WE  
ADMIT THAT WE HAVE IGNORED MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THE LOVING THING.  
WE ARE SORRY THAT WE HAVE THOUGHT, SAID, AND DONE SUCH FOOLISHNESS.  
NOW WE TURN AWAY FROM OUR MISTAKES. WE ARE SICK AT HEART, FATHER,  
WHEN WE THINK OF THEM. FORGIVE US FOR NOT KNOWING WHAT WE DO.  
GRANT THAT WE MAY SO LOVE AND SERVE YOU ALL OUR DAYS THAT OTHERS  
WILL PRAISE YOU. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dr. Kenneth Reed

"Pie Jesu" (Weber) Denece Haussler, Soprano, and Jackie Worth, Alto,  
and the Liturgical Dance Choir

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Bishop William B. Oden

EXPLANATION OF COMMUNION

Dr. Kenneth Reed

COMMUNION PRAYER (in unison)

WE DO NOT COME TO THIS TABLE, O LORD, COUNTING ON OUR OWN GOODNESS,  
FOR WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE MISSED THE MARK OF OUR HIGH CALLING. WE  
TRUST ONLY IN YOUR LOVE. WE WOULD GLADLY EAT THE LEFTOVERS FROM  
YOUR TABLE, BUT WE REJOICE THAT YOUR LOVE IS SO GREAT THAT YOU  
INVITE US TO COME AS YOUR GUESTS.

GRANT THAT WE MAY RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT AS A TURNING POINT IN OUR  
LIVES. MAY WE GROW TO BE LIKE YOU, AS YOU BECOME THE CENTER OF  
OUR LIVING. AMEN.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
AND WITH YOU ALSO.  
Let us thank God with all our hearts.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dr. Kenneth Reed

THE GIVING AND THE RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

O LORD OUR FATHER, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR OFFERING OF PRAISE AND  
THANKSGIVING. WE THANK YOU THAT IN JESUS CHRIST WE FIND  
FORGIVENESS FOR ALL THAT IS PAST AND A NEW FUTURE OF MEANING  
AND PURPOSE. HERE AND NOW, LORD, WE OFFER OURSELVES TO YOU.  
WE ARE YOURS. MAY WE FIND OUR LIVES FILLED WITH GRACE AND  
GOODNESS. THOUGH NONE OF US DESERVES IT, LEAD US TO A NEW  
LIFE TOGETHER. IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'" (Kerr)

Sally W. Turner, Secretary

Janelle McCammon, President

## EVENTS

### CONFERENCE RETREAT

"Spreading The Glory, Rekindling The Flame," was the theme of the 1989 Retreat, March 17-19, at the Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Our most capable leader, Betty Hodges of Decatur, Georgia, led us through the Book of Psalms. Spiritual singing by many beautiful voices highlighted the Retreat which was led by Betty Ferrington and Helen Franklin. There were times for meditation, personal devotion, renewal and quiet time as we worshipped together.

The attendance was not as great as in previous years. We were told through evaluation that this was due to the Easter holidays.

Every District was represented. The "at-home retreatants" were sent the same material as was used at the Retreat.

Helen Bailey-Johnson served as chairperson and Virginia Aswell as assistant chairperson for the Task Group on 1989 Retreat.

### WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Regional School was held June 13-17, 1989, on the campus of Oklahoma City University. Louisiana Conference officers and study leaders were among three hundred fifty-five in attendance from seventeen conferences.

The functions of Regional Schools of Mission are (1) to provide a program that will help United Methodist Women with designated leadership responsibility in jurisdiction and conference organizations to understand the church's mission in the current world context and their responsibility with this mission; (2) to afford opportunities for specially planned training sessions for leaders and teachers of study topics, special workshop experience for leaders working in areas of current major concern or who have special responsibility in leadership development; and (3) to supply a variety of enrichment resources and experiences to meet the needs and interest of various persons from special areas of concern where special problems exist. (Regional School Program 1989)

The primary focus of the schools (the idea around which the school will be built) will be the work of the Women's, National, and World Divisions and Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries, including interpretation of relationships to the total Board. The approach will deal with members of United Methodist Women and their responsibility in the church and society. (Regional School Program 1989)

"From Struggle to Hope: Songs for Our Times" was the theme. How do we sing new songs in old lands? How do we sing old songs in new Lands? Myths cloud our understanding of world neighbors blocking channels for dialogue. Our faith challenges us to listen to new songs and stories that emerge from the tradition of people who struggle to live. The songs of the ancient



Hebrews bring fresh understanding of what it means to live faithfully and joyfully amidst a world in conflict. God's faithful response to this hope calls us to sing new songs for our time.

Lueburda Myers serves as Secretary for the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. Judy Rountree is a member of the Regional School Planning Team. The Louisiana Conference will host the 1990 School at Centenary College in June.

#### CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

The theme for the School of Christian Mission was "From Struggle to Hope: Songs for Our Times." Two sessions were held at Centenary College - July 18-21 and July 21-23, 1989. Taylor Phillips served as Dean and Norma Winegeart was Assistant Dean.

Study group leaders were: "Psalms" - Reverend Charles Armour; "The World of Islam" - Reverend George Needham and Reverend Ester Hammond and Reverend Freddie Dixon; and "The Philippines" - Reverend Ray Holt, Mrs. Donna Paustian, and Mrs. Gloria Bennett. Evelyn Evans was in charge of audio-visuals; Lottie Palazzo, the Learning Center; and Betty Ferrington and Mary Lou Jones, music. Eula Wyatt served as week-day nurse and Helen Owen as week-end nurse. Sally Nash did an excellent job as the substitute person in the Resource Room, due to the illness of Lois Heath.

Officer up-date sessions were held for all local and district officers; non-officers were led in a session on "All You Want to Know About the Organization of United Methodist Women" by Lueburda Myers.

A total of 304 persons attended the two schools.

#### DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

"For Such A Time As This" was the theme for District Elected Leaders Training, November 3 and 4, 1989, at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Alexandria. There were 106 conference and district officers in attendance. The event, usually a one day meeting, was extended to overnight to accommodate those traveling long distances and to allow more time for officer training, team building and leadership development.

Betty Ferrington, Conference Vice President, explained the importance of the mission team, motivating the group to become more team oriented. Districts worked together programming for special mission emphases. The presentations were informative, creative and enthusiastically received by the whole group.

Reverend Fay Barrhartung was inspiring as she spoke of Christian maturity and leadership development. Conference officers met with district counterparts for extended training sessions. The sending forth was given by Conference President Norma Winegeart. The evaluations were very favorable. Seola Callahan served as Chairperson for the event and Mary Lou France as Assistant Chairperson.

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1989

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

We had a very exciting year, filled with many unique learning experiences. These experiences enhanced our growth as individuals and district leaders and broadened our understanding of the Christian community.

The year began with selected district officers attending the Conference Workshop held at Tall Timbers. The workshop was well planned and informational which refreshed our memories and in some cases introduced new interpretations to the abundance of materials. The key to the success of the workshop was each member actively participated.

The retreat was held at the Bethel United Methodist Church which involved each district officer. The theme was "Peace." Doris Berry, District Vice President, was the featured speaker and Winderlean Lewis, District President, conducted the Love Feast Service. Nettie Marie Williams chaired the retreat.

The District Annual Meeting was held at Horseshoe United Methodist Church. Reverend Kathryn J. Dauphin was the keynote speaker. She was great! The attendance for the meeting was better than in the past, but the Local Elected Leaders Training sessions were not well attended.

The Second Annual Fall Harvest Tea was held at Trinity United Methodist Church. There were beautifully decorated Fall and Thanksgiving arrangements as well as displays which added warmth to the event.

It is my desire that the district continue to grow in membership, participation, Christian love, and to fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

Winderlean S. Lewis, District President

### BATON ROUGE/HAMMOND DISTRICT

The 1989 year began very good for the Baton Rouge/Hammond District as all but one local unit returned their evaluation reports. This was followed by a very good response to United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 22, 1989. We had seventeen units to report on their programs.

The District Team was supportive throughout the year. Several members attended the Mid-Year Executive Meeting at Tall Timbers on February 10-11, 1989. All of the information obtained was carried back and shared especially at the first District Executive Meeting on March 4th at Ingleside United Methodist Church. Attendance was almost 100%. Another project added at this time was the sending of cards to missionaries and the staying in touch with them through the year as much as possible. A report was also given concerning the success of the Baton Rouge/Hammond District Laity Banquet on Thursday, March 2nd. Ladies from four of our churches assisted the ladies of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in setting up for the meeting. I am always so pleased to be able to thank those helping with this tremendous function. We had a sell out crowd again this year.

March and April held two important functions for us. On March 17-19, we had several ladies to attend the United Methodist Women's Conference Retreat

in Biloxi. Martha Ann Browning assisted with the devotions. On April 8th, a chartered bus carried 46 people from the Baton Rouge/Hammond District to MacDonell's and Dulac on a tour of the Louisiana Mission Projects. We were able to return to our respective units and share first hand information concerning each project.

Lou Alexander and I were invited to attend the Service of Consecration for St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 11th. The new church is beautiful. St. Mark's will be part of the new Baton Rouge District in October.

I am pleased to report that the Baton Rouge/Hammond District had 24 in attendance for the School of Christian Mission in Shreveport. All of the comments for the studies were positive. We were also pleased that Alice Story, Betty Ferrington, and Ester Hammond presented the three studies on Saturday, August 5, in Clinton at our Mini-School of Christian Mission.

After the School of Christian Mission, we became very involved with the redistricting process. On Saturday, August 26, 1989, members from the Baton Rouge/Hammond District and members from the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District met to select a slate of officers for the new Baton Rouge District. The slate will be presented Sunday, October 8, at the organizational meeting to be held at Gonzales United Methodist Church. The officers will then be installed.

The Baton Rouge/Hammond District Annual Meeting was hosted by St. John United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 7, 1989. It was a wonderful time of celebration of the past, present, and future of the Baton Rouge/Hammond District. It was a great way to say our farewell to this District.

The new organization meeting of the new Baton Rouge District was hosted by Gonzales United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 8, 1989. Seola Callahan was our speaker, challenging us to look toward new horizons and to be enthusiastic about our service. It was a wonderful beginning for the new Baton Rouge District.

Our year will close with the Local Elected Leaders Training on Saturday, November 11, 1989, at Ingleside United Methodist Church. We look forward to working with all of the new officers for the coming year. We are very excited about the new District and the new friends we will meet along the way.

The year 1989 has been a very interesting and challenging year for us. The District Team performed wonderfully under trying circumstances. The programs were successful and the enthusiasm was wonderful. I thank all of the ladies who worked so hard for the United Methodist Women this past year. God Bless All of You!

Alice Irving, District President

#### BATON ROUGE/LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

In January 1989 the district got off to a good start. The Executive Committee met January 7 at Neely United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge with all district officers present. We set our goals for the year. Our main goal was to strengthen the local unit by better communication within the local unit and the district level. Each district officer agreed to work to fulfill their duties and to avail themselves to the many magazines, study books, etc.



available to strengthen their spiritual growth, and also to encourage the local units to pay their pledges to mission in full.

In order to help meet our pledge to missions, we decided to sell District T-shirts, to be worn at the School of Missions and the money raised will be applied to our district pledge.

A district "Retreat-Day Apart" was held in March at Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Although the attendance was small, those attending were enriched by a message on "Love" given by Dr. Judy Avery.

In April we received the message - our district will be divided. This was a blow - we were so happy working together. We felt we were at least on solid ground - our district had been strengthened.

It became my task to work with the nominating committee to secure officers for the new Acadiana District. Since I was the only president involved in the area, I called a meeting of the nominating committee members who will be located in the new district. From the group a new chairman on nominations was elected. After many hours of work, letters and phone calls we had a good slate of officers nominated to be elected at the first meeting of the Acadiana District, October 14.

Our district had a display on The World of Islam at the School of Christian Mission in July. Nine district officers attended.

A Mini-School of Christian Mission was held July 12, First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, which was coordinated by Bonita Davis. Sixty persons attended.

On September 11 it was my privilege to charter a United Methodist Women unit at Grand River United Methodist Church, Plaquemine. Assisting me was Janelle McCammon, Conference President. This little church has a special place in her heart, her minister husband, Bob McCammon, built this church.

The last meeting of the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District was October 7 at Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church in Opelousas. I presided with mixed emotions. There was an attendance of 63 United Methodist Women. We were all inspired and challenged by our guest speaker, Carolyn A. Stokes, to go into the future with faith.

Helen M. Allemond, District President

#### LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

As we come to the end of another year, it is good we can look back over the many opportunities we have had to be a part of this past year.

Our retreat in April gave us the challenge to "Be Still and Know I Am God." It was well attended by about 100 members. We also have been urged to take part in the studies of Women in Alien Lands, Ruth and Esther, South Africa, and The Poor Among Us, but only nine units received recognition for the studies. We hope more units will take part this year. Our Reading Program was more successful as forty members received certificates.

We are proud to report the Lake Charles District had 100% reporting for United Methodist Women Sunday and we were able to organize two new units in the Roanoke and Hackberry churches.

The district members collected over 10,000 soup labels for Redbird Mission and overpaid our 1988 pledge by \$5,000.00. We hope we will do as well this year.

Our attendance at the School of Christian Mission was very good and we came in second only to the home district. Attendance at the Conference Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge was very good and over 100 members came to the District Annual Meeting in Jennings.

Many of our units have been active in the "Campaign for Children" and plan to continue work on this quadrennium emphasis.

The 41 units have been urged to attend the Assembly in Kansas City, May 3-6, 1990; to study and work to carry out the Conference goals and to return 100% of the President's reports. All in all 1989 was a good year and we look forward to an even better 1990.

Mary Lou France, District President

#### MONROE DISTRICT

The Monroe District members have actively participated in various activities during the year.

In January each unit observed United Methodist Women Sunday. In May the Spring Retreat was held at Memorial Church in Bastrop with Ola McNaughton as leader, with a very good attendance. In July there were twenty-four members attending School of Christin Mission in Shreveport, with Monroe District preparing a display concerning the study on the Philippines. In September fourteen members attended the Annual Meeting at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. On October 7th the annual District Meeting was held at First United Methodist Church in West Monroe. Audrey Milo was our speaker, with her topic being "Women and Children." There were over one hundred members in attendance, and we were privileged to have our Bishop's wife, Marilyn Oden, present also. After lunch, the officers' training session was held. In November six officers attended District Elected Leaders Training at Tall Timbers.

The Executive Committee meets once a quarter to plan programs and each district officer gives a report of what she has been doing. A district newsletter goes out once a quarter. District teams have visited units and are encouraging the inactive units to consider reorganizing.

Our district has issued an invitation for the 1990 Conference Annual Meeting to be held in Monroe at First United Methodist Church on September 13, 14 and 15.

Again this year our district has overpaid our Pledge to Missions, and we will continue to work with all local units where we are needed. We will try to organize new units, and will make every effort to reorganize those that have disbanded.

The Delhi unit has disbanded, but we do have one District Member there as a contact person. Likewise, the Winnsboro unit remains disbanded, but we have a District member there as a contact person.

Marie Young, District President

## NEW ORLEANS/HOUMA DISTRICT

With Helen Bailey-Johnson in leadership, many from the District participated in the excellent Conference Retreat at Biloxi in March.

In response to the Conference Financial Interpretation Workshop, a Bi-District event was held in April, with the two New Orleans area districts. This was a well-prepared and well-received workshop, with five local officer counter-parts and pastors invited.

We were instrumental in the formation of two new units this year - one at Belle Chasse and one at Bayou Blue - two very active groups from which we expect to hear great things.

The annual Spring Luncheon at Thibodaux was a great success, under the guidance of Cynthia Streams, who was presented a Special Mission Recognition pin in gratitude for her efforts.

In August, Fannie Reddix led a very well-done Mini-School of Mission, with Ester Hammond, Hilda Sills and Karen Granderson as study-leaders. Comments indicated that participants would have been happy to stay longer.

In October we had the distinct "privilege" of participating in two Annual Meetings - one to close out the New Orleans/Houma District and one to inaugurate the New Orleans District. Both meetings were well-attended, with Dr. Anita Crump and Janelle McCammon as guest-speakers. Newly-elected and out-going officers will work together to train local leaders in November, with a follow-up being offered in January.

It is always a challenge to offer leadership to a District, but it becomes even more so with the formation of a new District. Prayers and support are needed from the entire Conference to get the four new Districts off on good footing.

Lottie Palazzo, District President

## NEW ORLEANS/SLIDELL DISTRICT

The New Orleans/Slidell District continued in its mission projects during 1989. Participation by the District Leadership Team was very good at Executive Meetings and many of our officers were in attendance at the conference events, including District Elected Leaders Training, the Retreat at the Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the Annual Meeting. Several units participated in more district and conference activities than in the past year. Through our newsletter and personal contacts we tried to improve communication with all units.

Many in the district attended the Conference School of Mission and the District Mini-School of Mission. There were 92 in attendance at the Mini-School that was held at Metairie United Methodist Church. Our teachers were Reverend Kemper Smith, pastor of Metairie Church, Gloria Phillips, and Ella Mae Doyle, who taught The Book of Psalms, the Peoples of the Philippines, and the World of Islam, respectively. All who were in attendance were rewarded and in turn, promised to carry out mission studies and projects within their local units.

The District Annual Meeting was the highlight of the year. A grand celebration was held on October 7th at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in



New Orleans. We "turned out" in the tradition of New Orleans as we celebrated our great heritage. Our conference president, Janelle McCammon, was the speaker. All district officers were retired because it was the final meeting of the New Orleans/Slidell District.

On October 8, 1989, the New Orleans/Slidell and New Orleans/Houma Districts came together as one. The district leadership teams served side by side and shared program responsibilities. The speaker for the occasion of this organizational meeting was Janelle McCammon. She inspired us with her speech on mission and the importance of cooperation in order to realize the goals of the United Methodist Women. There were over 100 persons in attendance who re-established friendships and talked about their dreams for a great New Orleans District.

As my tenure ends as district president, I want to thank all conference, district, and local unit members who assisted me and encouraged me as I tried to fulfill the goals of the United Methodist Women. I have grown spiritually and in leadership abilities. The past four years have been rewarding for me. I will always cherish the memories of this fellowship and the opportunities that have been given to me as president. I am confident that the New Orleans District will succeed in becoming a productive unit.

Marilyn Ray, District President

#### RUSTON DISTRICT

The Ruston District had a challenging and rewarding year in 1989. Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden was reorganized as a unit and a new unit was organized at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Ruston. There was excellent participation in the Reading Program and Excellence of Studies.

The executive committee met several times during the year to set goals and make plans for the year. The Newsletter and correspondence from district officers kept the units informed about district activities.

Attendance at district events improved over the past few years. 100% of the units sent in annual reports and all but one unit observed United Methodist Women Sunday.

Spring Meeting was held on March 12, 1989, in the new sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Minden. On this beautiful Spring day there were 133 persons in attendance from 22 units. The program was versatile and portrayed the Christian involvement of United Methodist Women in community projects.

Spring Retreat at Caney Conference Center on May 6th was a great success. Reverend Kathy Dauphin led in a study of "Women of the Bible." The ladies in attendance actively participated in the discussion and they were inspired and challenged to actively pursue in-depth Bible study.

Twenty-five persons, including several first timers, attended School of Mission in July. This was a larger group than in the past few years, but we are still striving for a larger attendance.

Mini-School of Missions was held on August 6, 1989, at Brushwood United Methodist Church in Dubberly. Reverend deGraffenreid presented the study of Psalms; Gloria Bennett led the study on the Philippines; and Elouise Sanders was the leader of the The World of Islam.

On October 7, 1989, Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston hosted the District Annual Meeting and Local Elected Leaders Training. There were ninety persons in attendance from twenty-three units. Our theme for the meeting was "All One In Christ" and the speaker was Mrs. Nan Dew.

Serving as President of the Ruston District has been a blessing to me. The District officers are cooperative and supportive. My life has been enriched by meeting and working with the members of the local units. I look forward to a great 1990.

Elouise Sanders, District President

#### SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

We have had another great year in the Shreveport District. We were successful in reactivating the Jewella Unit at Jewella United Methodist Church. They were officially a United Methodist Unit on May 22, 1989. There is potential for three new units this coming year.

United Methodist Women's Sunday was a huge success with most of our units observing the day on January 22. Many of the District Officers were invited to speak. We also visited at other times during the year. When we are invited, we try to go.

There were twenty-one of us who attended our Conference Retreat in Biloxi. We had sixty-eight attend our District Retreat at Caney Lake. Gladys Prillerman was our retreat leader and she did a superb job. Twenty of us went up Friday night and had a beautiful time getting to know each other and drawing nearer to God.

This year was a banner year for the Shreveport District at School of Missions because we had 71 in attendance and won the Attendance Banner. We are very proud of it and displayed it at our Annual Meeting. Our Mini-Schools were good this year. We had one at Bayou Scie on August 26 and another at Caddo Heights on August 28. Our instructors were Reverend Rob Webber, Margaret Bryan, and Ola McNaughton. Our attendance was very good.

There were seven of us who attended the World Federation of Methodist Women's State Meeting in New Orleans on August 18 and 19. This was a very inspiring time for us and meeting other sisters in Methodism was great.

Around 35 women attended the Conference Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge. We chartered a bus to make this trip and this was a great time of fellowship. Many reported that it was a very good meeting. Gladys Prillerman and I were not there because we had to attend the Deans and Assistant Deans' School in Nashville, Tennessee, that weekend. We enjoyed our trip and believe we learned some new ideas for our School next year. We visited the Upper Room while we were there and went to church at Westside United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. We also visited the Laskey Library.

Our District Annual Meeting was held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on October 14. Our speaker was Dr. Ray Branton, District Superintendent of the Shreveport District, and his wife Gwen was our soloist and music director. Dr. Branton's message was very inspiring and challenging. A lunch was served by St. Luke's United Methodist Women and then we had our Local Elected Leaders Training. All in all it was a very good day.

Ola McNaughton, District President

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